

DEVALUATION OF STERLING

Cripps Broadcasting Formal Announcement London Stock Exchange, Banks Closing Today 25 PER CENT CUT SEEN

London, September 18.

A well-informed British source reported today that Sir Stafford Cripps, Chancellor of the Exchequer, will announce the devaluation of the pound sterling tonight.

The present exchange value of the British pound is four dollars and three cents. The extent of the cutdown in the pound was not immediately disclosed. The informant said it was unlikely it would be more than 25 per cent, and probably less.

The report came just after Sir Stafford Cripps had arranged to make a special broadcast to the British people on Sunday night.

UN Assembly To Open Tomorrow

New York, September 17.

The biggest job for the fourth United Nations Assembly, convening on September 20, will be to wind up old business. There is a good chance that some lingering issues may be disposed of at this Assembly.

That is the expressed aim of Brigadier-General Carlos P. Romulo, Philippine delegate who is likely to be elected President of the Assembly.

There is not one new major issue on the work sheet of 72 items. There still is room for some countries to pull surprises. That is a favourite trick of the Russians, who usually hold their fire until their chief delegate makes his first formal speech in general debate.

The programme for the first day is simple. Norman J. O. Mackin, Australian Ambassador to the United States, is due to call the delegates of 59 nations to order. Under U. N. rules, the retiring President does that but the President of the third Assembly, the Mexican Minister of Agriculture, Dr. Herbert V. Eytan, will not be here. Then comes the election of officers and the Assembly is on. The best guess on final adjournment ranges from the first to the middle of December.

The old topics still on the U. N. agenda are Palestine, new members, amendments to the Charter to eliminate the veto power of the five great nations, Italian colonies, Indonesia, Balkans, Korea, atomic energy, conventional armaments, the year around the world, the U. N. field service, the issue of human rights in Bulgaria and Hungary to which Australia has taken on Rumania in a separate point, and South West Africa.

On the economic side there is likely to be considerable fireworks over President Truman's "point four" programme for aid to under developed countries. The U. N. started on that path.

Huge Python Shot In Colony

Police officers shot five 38 calibre shells and a shotgun blast through the head of a 14-foot python possibly the longest ever caught in the Colony, on the hillside above Middle Gap Road yesterday.

The Indian python was still alive and hissing five hours after being shot.

At 10.45 yesterday morning, a Middle Gap resident telephoned the Wanchai Gap Police Station and reported the snake near the garden of House 563.

Sub-Inspector Charles Chan and three coolies found the snake going towards a small stream. One of the coolies struck the python on its back with a stout bamboo pole, but was frightened away when the snake, whirled around with its jaws open.

Two coolies picked up a 60-pound rock, and after getting into position to drop the rock on the snake's back, decided that it was too dangerous, gently put the rock back in place, and ran away.

Sub-Inspector Chan, at a distance of about 10 feet fired the first shot from his Service revolver through the python's head, and after rummaging through hillside and brush for about 10 minutes following the snake, fired four more bullets through its head, and a coolie followed with a shotgun blast.

In spite of this, the python was twisting and turning at will as the four men hauled the snake into the Black Maria and took it to the station.

An officer at the station said that the python, which was definitely a danger to an unarmed adult.

(See Photos on Pages 2 and 3.)

The Weather

6.000 GMT (3 p.m. HEST) the shallow depression persists over the S. China Sea, E. of Saigon but still shows no signs of development. Another shallow depression is centred over the Pacific NW. of Guam with a trough extending Northwards from it and covering Southern Japan and the Yellow Sea, pressure is relatively high over China.

Today's Forecast—Moderate S. winds, Fair.

Yesterday's Weather—Maximum: 81.6 deg. F. Minimum: 75.8 deg. F. Rainfall: 10.2 hours.

Readings at 10 a.m. 10.11.10.12.13.14.15.16.17.18.19.20.21.22.23.24.25.26.27.28.29.30.31.32.33.34.35.36.37.38.39.40.41.42.43.44.45.46.47.48.49.50.51.52.53.54.55.56.57.58.59.60.61.62.63.64.65.66.67.68.69.70.71.72.73.74.75.76.77.78.79.80.81.82.83.84.85.86.87.88.89.90.91.92.93.94.95.96.97.98.99.100.

Royal Family At Highland Games



The Royal Family attended the annual Braemar Games in the Princess Royal Park, Braemar, Scotland. Photo shows the Royal party in the Royal Pavilion, (left to right) Marquis of Aberdeen and Temair, Duke and Duchess of Gloucester, King George, Queen Elizabeth, The Duke of Edinburgh, Princess Margaret Rose and Princess Elizabeth. A.P. Photo.

Reds Open Peiping Conference

Canton, September 18.

After some delay the "People's Political Consultative Conference" was convened in Peiping yesterday afternoon to pave the way for the formation of a "coalition" government on October 10, according to a reliable source. The conference will include 45 units composing 370 members and 74 reserve members.

Already 635 persons are in Peiping for this conference, General Chou En-lai, No. 2 Chinese Communist, and Mr. Shen Chun-ju of the Democratic League and another politician will form the steering committee of the conference which went through three months of preparation. How the number of seats is allotted to the 45 units or parties is not disclosed in the report.

Concerning the possibility that Madame Sun Yat-sen might become the chairman of the coalition government and the likelihood that Mr. Mao Tse-tung, head of the Communist Party, will stay out of the government, observers believe this means that Madame Sun commands better prestige outside the Communist Party than Mao and that she will be only a tool of the Communists.

Such a gesture, if true, would mean that the Reds find it difficult to rule the entire country, especially South China, and may leave the conquest of South and South-West China. In the opinion of these observers, who hold that the Reds are more interested in Manchuria and North China.

Though friendly to Soviet Russia, Madame Sun is not a Communist but opposes reactionary and corrupt elements of the Kuomintang. She was at times at odds even with her sister, Madame H.H. Kung, wife of former Premier and Finance Minister.

Madame Sun was in Hong Kong during the Japanese invasion in 1941 but was taken out of the British Colony by a plane sent from Chungking. Her friends here are not quite sure whether she would accept the chairmanship of the new Peiping government if an offer were made to her.

Reds Announce Capture Of Six Islands Off Fukien

(From Our Own Correspondent)

The Communist capture of six islands off the Fukien coast, South of Foochow, including Pingtan Island was announced this morning by the Peiping New China News Agency which added that the attackers inflicted over 200 casualties on the Nationalist 73rd Army.

The Communist claim as monitored here said that the invaders captured two field pieces, several machine guns and 80 rifles.

The Military News Agency admitted last night that Communist troops secured a foothold on the South Western corner of Pingtan Island after landing from more than one thousand craft. Earlier this official news agency said that government planes reconnoitred over the island to prevent an enemy landing, and other reports said the Nationalist navy kept watch against Communist invasion of those islands.

A reliable report stated that the Communists occupied Chungking, Tungshan and Yungwang in South Kiangsu province by advancing from Kansu. The Moslem troops of General Ma Pu-lang scattered and were in no position to give battle.

Several ships reports Reuter. They landed at midnight or September 15 in hundreds of junks and other small craft.

The Chinese military spokesman was unable to confirm an earlier press report stating that Pingtan Island had been occupied by the Reds.

There has, however, been no official denial.

He said that Changchow, West of Amoy, was still being defended by the Nationalists.

Communications with Changchow had been cut.

No major fighting has taken place on the South-East China front but there has been several skirmishes against guerrillas.

Our Own Correspondent and Reuter.

Divers Search Hull Of Noronic For Victims

Toronto, September 18.

Divers were going down into the flooded hull of the gutted Great Lakes cruiser Noronic this morning to search for additional victims in Canada's worst shipping disaster.

Sixteen submerged cabins still had to be explored and it was believed the bodies of some of the 140 persons still unaccounted for may be found.

On the dock despite heavy rain relatives stood in pathetic groups waiting for the operations to begin.

The authorities counted 123 bodies from the tragedy but the toll is expected to be higher.

United Press.

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Western Powers Abandon China To The Reds

Washington, September 18.

Great Britain and France yesterday threw their support behind the United States decision to abandon China to the Communists.

That endorsement of a policy that has been under bitter attack by Republicans in the United States Senate was given during a 90-minute meeting of the Western Big Three Foreign Ministers.

A terse communique issued at the close of the meeting said only that the three Powers were "in accord" on their overall Far Eastern policies. But informed diplomatic sources interpreted it as meaning that the British and French agree with the U.S. Government that there is no longer any use in supporting Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's Nationalist regime in China.

For the time being at least, the Western Powers are agreed that they can do nothing directly to stop the Chinese Communists for the simple reason that there is no coherent anti-Communist force in China.

Republicans in the Senate have protested furiously against the State Department's decision to abandon Chiang. They fought unsuccessfully to get an unconditional arms grant of US\$75,000,000 for Chiang's Nationalists in the US\$1,314,010,000 programme of military aid for free nations. The aid bill now before the Senate calls for a US\$75,000,000 China aid grant but leaves its use to President Truman's discretion.

The Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, the British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, and the French Foreign Minister, Mr. Robert Schuman, sat in on yesterday's conference. Mr. Schuman was called in after Mr. Bevin and Mr. Acheson had gone over the Far Eastern policy field in two-party talks. That was taken to mean that the United States and Britain are taking an interest in the struggle now being waged against Communism in French Indo-China.

Japan Treaty

Diplomatic sources said the general "accord" announced by the three Ministers also covered Japan. The three Powers were said to have decided jointly to push for an early peace treaty with Japan with or without Russia's assistance.

These informants said the Ministers also agreed that there is no basis at the moment for Pacific pact along the line of the North Atlantic security treaty but that they will continue to espouse independent nationalistic movements in South East Asia as the best immediate antidote to Communism.

Resistance To Red Rule

Canton, September 18.

The Ministry of Defence said today that 1,000,000 Chinese were fighting the Communists behind the Red lines.

The Ministry said most of them are peasants who revolted against Red rule, but many others were Nationalist troops. There also is an uprising of students and former government employees.

The Ministry reported that most of the resisting forces were in Honan province, in the Ta Pi mountain North East of Hankow, and in the Nanking-Shanghai area.

The Ministry said there even was a strong guerrilla force operating in the Peiping district, and the Wangpan from Shanghai.

Associated Press.

Discrimination At BCOF Rest Hotels In Japan

Tokyo, September 18.

The British Commonwealth Occupation Force spokesman today confirmed that there was discrimination at BCOF hotels but denied that there was any colour bar, adds Reuter.

A Japanese newspaper this week-end published American reports stating that the BCOF had introduced the "White Australia" policy into Japan by refusing to accept Negroes or American officers of Japanese descent.

The BCOF spokesman stated that Australian hotels were open to all members of the British Commonwealth, irrespective of colour or creed. However, it is the BCOF policy to accept only white personnel, other than a member of the British Commonwealth, the spokesman added.

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Exhibition Of Chinese Paintings

An Exhibition of the work of Miss Sun Tui-chi is being held at Hotel Cecil today and tomorrow.

It is indeed an interesting show in that the exhibits consist of a variety of subjects as well as styles.

Starting from the Western style, one admires the fine and exquisite modelling in her drawings, particularly the wonderful application of a tone paper and the telling effect of a few touches of white. In No. 29 "Group of Heads", however, the spacing of the two heads appears conflicting as if they were sticking together.

Such a condition of spacing can also be seen in "Young Masters of China" (No. 2), a large oil painting, which is due to lack of definition of tone between the figures in the foreground and the background. The large oil painting "Evening in Peking" (No. 3) both effect and rendering are skilfully worked out. Her "Tin Toi Mountain" (No. 6) is rendered in a rather "tight" technique, while in her "Carpenters at Work" (No. 5) there is a well arranged composition besides a loose and free treatment.

Her output of Chinese painting consists of landscapes, figures, flowers and birds, and suffice it to mention the skilful line rendering in No. 22 among the figure section, the bold and vital treatments in Nos. 34 and 63 in the landscape section and the sensitive modelling in her "Eagle" (No. 46) in the birds and flowers section.

With the work as seen in the present show as her starting point, her future development will be considerable, I am certain.

Resolution By British Newsmen

London, September 17. The Institute of Journalists, holding its annual conference at Harrogate, unanimously passed a resolution critical of the draft convention on freedom of information, drawn up by a United Nations sub-committee for submission to the General Assembly.

The resolution asked the British Government not to support the convention at Flushing Meadows next week.

The conference also expressed the view that the free transmission of news and the right of correction, which the Assembly adopted in April, might have the effect of restricting the freedom of expression, of giving occasion for State interference with the press and setting up a form of censorship in peace time.

It should not, therefore, the conference thought, be signed by the British Government—Reuter.

ADMIRALTY MESS COCKTAIL PARTY

The Admiralty Civilian Officers' Mess in Austin Road, Kowloon, held a very successful cocktail party at their headquarters on Saturday when members and their guests, numbering in all 100, spent a very enjoyable evening.

Commodore and Mrs. L.N. Brownfield and the Mess President, Captain J.R. Monk RNCV, were the chief guests.

The occasion was to celebrate the return of the Mess to its old quarters after vacating the premises for two months and being temporarily housed at Jubilee Building, Shamshuipo.

A dinner followed the cocktail party after which a musical evening was held at which Mr. L.E. Laundier officiated at the piano.

The whole of the arrangements was carried out by the Mess Committee.



Picture shows Cardinal Tien, at the laying of the foundation stone of the half-completed Holy Souls Church (Lun Ling Tong), at Star Street, Wanchai, yesterday. ("China Mail" Photo).

Cardinal Tien Lays Foundation Stone At Holy Souls Church

More than 200 people witnessed the laying of the foundation stone of the half-completed Church building—Holy Souls Church (Lun Ling Tong), by Thomas Cardinal Tien, Archbishop of Peiping, at Star Street, Wanchai, yesterday.

The foundation stone is in the figure of a perfect marble cube, and is hollowed in the centre for the preservation of important papers. The stone was laid on the left side of the Church Hall entrance on the top floor.

Mr. Chung King-pui, Assistant Secretary of Chinese Affairs, and concurrently the President of the Wanchai Parochial Centre, attended the ceremony.

The four-storeyed Church building which is of modern design, is being built by the Catholic Community in Hong Kong who raised the funds before and after the war.

The Church building will contain a Community Recreation Room and a store-room in the basement; a Parochial School in the first and second floors, and a Community Hall in the second floor. The Church Hall will be in the top floor.

PI Government Firm Prepared To Assume Obligation Of PAL

It is reported in the "Manila Bulletin" that the National Development Company is ready to assume an 8,000,000-peso obligation of the Philippine Air Lines personally guaranteed by Colonel Andres Soriano, President of the PAL, with the Rehabilitation Finance Corporation.

The NDC Board of Directors will take up a petition of the airline that the Government take over the guarantee for the loan at a meeting tomorrow.

The Government firm is ready to take on the burden as the private firm's plea was considered reasonable from the standpoint of equity.

It was pointed out that Colonel Soriano assumed responsibility for the loan last April due to pressing commitments of the PAL, although he held only 18 per cent of the corporate stock and the NDC had 47 per cent.

Directors of the NDC felt that it was only just that the Government corporation, which is the biggest stockholder in the airline, should assume the burden.

The Bulletin report said that President Epifanio Quirino himself, when apprised of the PAL petition, prior to his departure for Mindanao, believed the plea justified, and Colonel Soriano should not be compelled to carry the load further.

In the same report, the "Bulletin" quoted an NDC official as denying reports that the PAL threatened to liquidate its assets should the Government fail to assume the obligation.

No such step was contemplated, the NDC said, although the airline had received an offer to purchase its four J-47s for 2,000,000 pesos. The Government's largest stockholder in the airline would not allow it to liquidate and abandon its foreign service, the official declared, now that it has assumed a position as one of the five leading airlines in the world, building up for the Philippines considerable public utility and goodwill around the world.

The loan under discussion, the second of its kind secured by PAL from the RFO, was granted by the Government banking institution last April 1 when the airline asked a 10,000,000 peso loan to meet 13,240,000 peso in liabilities, of which 4,200,000 pesos was past due.

The loan was given only on condition that Colonel Soriano personally guarantee it.

It was payable in seven years. The NDC pointed out, the "Bulletin" reported, that the grant of the loan gave PAL the breathing spell it needed to continue with its operations.

The airline is buoyant, the official stated, as it has assets with a net value of 22,000,000 pesos.

The NDC official also predicted the report further declared, that

in the light of all considerations, the petition of the PAL would be granted by the NDC Board at tomorrow's meeting.

He also took occasion to deny reports that the Government had been favouring the PAL or Colonel Soriano in its situation, stressing the fact that Colonel Soriano held only 18 per cent of the stock while the Government had 47 per cent.

The NDC official also pointed out that the "Bulletin" said Soriano was operating the airline without payment or any form of consideration. Any step taken by the Government for the airline therefore, would rebound more to the benefit of the Government itself rather than of private individuals, the official concluded.

Bonn, September 17. The three Allied High Commissioners have decided that Bonn, seat of the new West German Federal Government, shall become an enclave outside any zone of occupation, it was announced today—Reuter.

Aussie Pilot Relates Adventures In Hands Of Burmese Rebels

After having been held a prisoner for more than two weeks by the Burmese rebels following a forced landing of his plane on a paddy patch in Taunggyi, fringing the Burmese jungles, Ken Begg, a young Australian commercial pilot arrived at Kai Tak by a CFA Dakota from Rangoon yesterday.

Flying buddies of Begg in Hong Kong greeted the tall, blond pilot as a long lost brother as he stepped from the transport looking a little worn but otherwise none the worse for wear. An eager receptionist also was his pretty fiancée, Miss Irene Machado.

In an exclusive interview with the "China Mail" the softly spoken young pilot related his tale of adventure which, to use his own words, was an experience.

Ken Begg, a free lance commercial pilot was doing a job for a Burmese air transport company—Sky Freighters—flying petrol up the Irrawaddy River valley, from Rangoon to Meiktila.

He took off from Rangoon on August 17 in a single engine Norseman carrying an Indian passenger, a Dutch flight engineer and four drums of gasoline.

Arriving over Taunggyi, he related Begg, the engine suddenly stalled. We glided earthward and landed on a paddy field without incident.

Meanwhile, Begg continued, he had communicated by radio with the nearest station, giving his flight position.

The engine defect wasn't serious, and I could easily have taken off again and made the destination but for the sudden appearance out of the blue of a uniformed soldier, immediately after I got out of the plane.

In monosyllabic English the soldier told Begg that he was from the "Central Democratic Front" which Begg meant that the stranger was a rebel. "He was dressed in the uniform of the Burma Rifles, clearly a deserter to the Burmese insurgents," Begg continued.

By then the three flyers were surrounded by swarms of armed, ugly looking fellows who didn't seem very happy to see them, Begg continued.

After an hour of interrogation, Begg and his two companions were taken to the area command some 100 miles away where they were further detained. Begg was not allowed to communicate with the outside.

Court Of Inquiry

A court of inquiry was set up by the area commander who interrogated the three men intensively. They wanted to know everything about us from the time and place of our birth to the business we were engaged in.

They questioned us most intensively on our political views, inquiring whether we were Communists or not and whether we were against them.

The prisoners were not, however, subjected to any ill-treatment. They were guarded heavily. "At first three men watched over us," Begg said.

The second day the guards numbered 15, and the day following, there were 50. This began to worry us a little.

Begg said the three of them sensed it very highly that the rebels were looking for a chance to do away with them: "to make an example of us."

"We knew this by the many chances they put before us for escape. We could have taken them and might have also slipped our guards. But we were also aware that we would not be able to get very far before they caught up with us again—then, perhaps, the pay-off."

The food, Begg said, was sufficient. But meal after meal was carried chicken and Burmese duck and rice. We were getting fed up with the food, but we were not allowed to complain.

After much argument with the commander, we were allowed to

der heavy armed escort, to go to the restaurants for our meal. That was a little better."

For amusement, Begg and his three companions started arguments with their guards and teased them. "We usually walked paces ahead dodged around and suddenly appeared abreast of them to see the silly look in their faces."

Red Literature

The prisoners soon tired of this form of amusement and asked for books. A whole pile of Communist literature was happily showered on them.

"Among the books however, there was one which I did enjoy. It was 'Alice in Wonderland' and believe me, Alice never read better!" the pilot exclaimed.

After 17 days of detention, word came to the prisoners that the high command was satisfied with their neutral status and they could go free.

On September 2 the three men were escorted through the rebel-held area to a communication point where they were eventually sent to Prome and freedom, travelling in rough box cars, train and truck.

The rebels retained the aeroplane, however, and said that they would use it to bomb the government forces. "One rebel pilot who was trained by the Japanese during the war said that he would fly it."

"I wish he would," Ken said, "he'd break his silly neck doing it. The rebels could only claim 150 flying hours and knew practically nothing of modern flying."

Ken Begg comes from Bankstown, Sydney. He first flew in 1943 when he was in the Australian Air Force. He saw action in New Guinea and other war areas of the Pacific.

In 1947, Begg joined CPA in Hong Kong and remained with the airline company for 13 months. He then struck out on his own, flying all over the East Indies and Burma.

Asked what his future plan was, the young pilot said without hesitation: "Fly again. Why, do you know of any job going?"

Britons Were Given Rough Time

Berlin, September 17. Three British soldiers, who yesterday escaped from a prison in the Soviet sector of Berlin, today alleged that they were knocked about, given "ice-box" treatment and fed with insect-filled food while in goal.

Telling their story for the first time, the soldiers also told of night and day questioning, strip-ping and kicking.

In their dash for freedom yesterday, the men broke through the Soviet guards, climbed a barbed-wire fence and knocked down a German sentry.

Since returning to the British sector of Berlin, they had been in the detention ward of the British military hospital with charges of absence without leave pending against them.

Earlier today, a British official spokesman announced that they had been dealt with summarily and were no longer under arrest.

Reuter.



KEN BEGG

Unified Command Advocated

Paris, September 17. The French evening newspaper "Paris Presse" called today for a supreme commander for the Western forces, preferably an American, who would serve as umpire in Anglo-French "differences" on strategy.

The call was made in a front page editorial, published in the form of a "classified advertisement."

After declaring that applications should be addressed to the meeting of the Atlantic Pact nations, being held in Washington today, the "advertisement" added:

"Candidates should preferably be of American nationality to enjoy the absolute confidence of Congress and likewise to serve as umpire of differences between France and Britain in strategic matters."

A knowledge of English would be useful in view of the importance of contacts with Field-Marshal Montgomery (Western Union defence chief), who desires to subordinate European defence plans to England's geographical position.

A good knowledge of French habits and history is likewise desirable for it will be advisable to take account of the fact that France has no desire to be atomically liberated after an invasion. The person chosen must immediately start to obtain from the American Congress the necessary powers for the establishment of:

1. A rearmament programme providing for effective means to prevent any aggression. 2. At least to stop it before the total occupation of Europe. 3. The participation of European nations in drawing up strategic plans affecting the European community. 4. A coherent American policy on all questions touching Europe and its defence, whatever changes may take place in the composition of Congress.

Reuter.

MAO TSE-TUNG IN PEIPING

San Francisco, September 17. Mao Tse-tung, Chairman of the Chinese Communist Party, was reported by Peiping Radio today to have been among 125 delegates to the meeting of the Preparatory Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference in plenary session there today—Reuter.

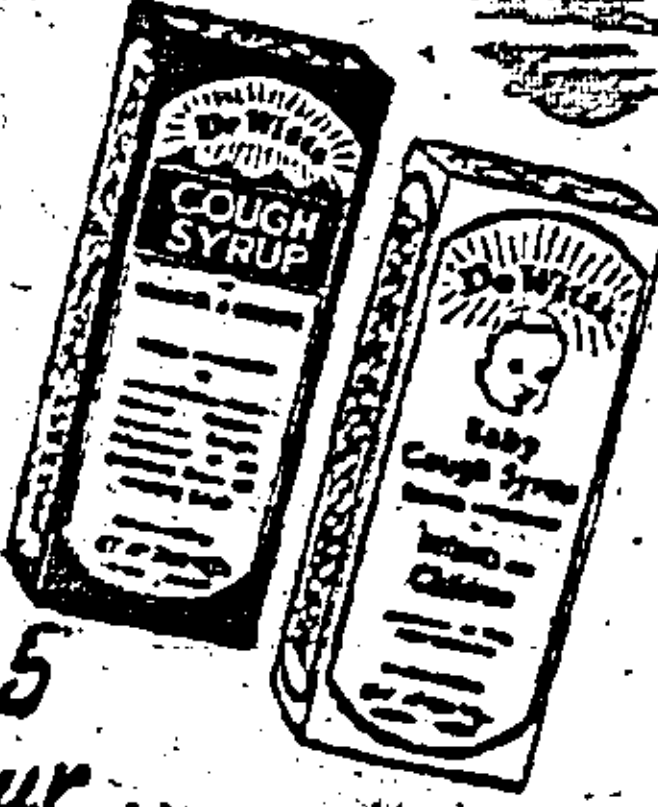
CPA SKYMASTER

The first Skymaster of the Cathay Pacific Airways arrived here yesterday from the United Kingdom on her delivery flight piloted by Captain Hunter.

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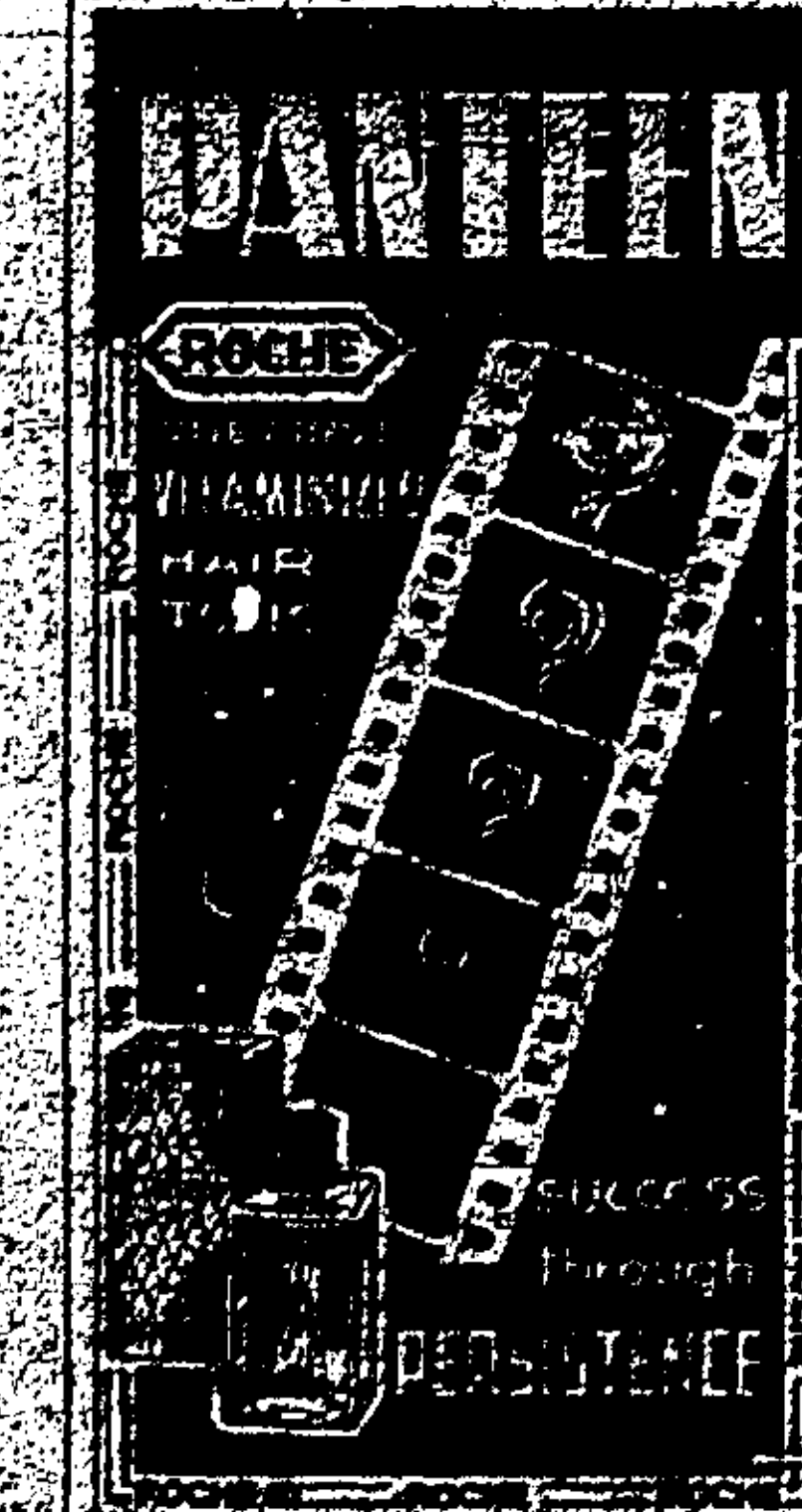
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Three men, who were held in a prison, still wearing eye-bags after the escape, was shot six times in the head yesterday morning. (Reuter Photo)



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REFORM OF RICE RATION SYSTEM URGED BY CRA

Reminders

Today

Grand Casting Meeting for plays at European YMCA, Kowloon, 8.30 p.m., Civilians and Services.

Schools Seven-A-Side Soccer, Navy Ground Causeway Bay, 3 p.m.

Club Night for the Forces at HK Women's International Club, Gloucester Building, 7.30 p.m.

Ladies Recreation Club Open Tennis Tournament Swimming—YRC: Royal Navy vs. YRC, 6 p.m.

League Tennis—S.C.A.A. vs. C.R.C.

Coming Events

TOMORROW

Recorded Classical and Popular Music for Servicemen and Civilians at European YMCA, Kowloon, 8 p.m.

Rotary Club of Hong Kong Luncheon Party, Hong Kong Hotel Roof Garden, 12.30 p.m.

Speaker: Mr. D. S. Allen. Subject: "Coins and Coin Forgeries."

Smuts Wants Gold Price Increase

Pretoria, September 17. General Jan Smuts, South African Opposition leader, said here tonight that the price of gold should be increased.

But he did not agree that the Union should sell gold on the free market—as proposed by the Government to the International Monetary Fund in Washington this week.

That, the ex-Premier told a rally of his United Party, would not be in the interests of South Africa.

General Smuts said he was astonished to read that the Government had an overdraft with the South African Reserve Bank of more than £50,000,000.

"When we left office just over a year ago," he added, "the Government did not owe the Reserve Bank anything. A most alarming state of affairs has developed."

"If there is a change of Government tomorrow there will be a return of confidence and capital to South Africa,"—Reuter.

Wedding

MARCAL—ROCHA

At St. Theresa's Church yesterday afternoon, Miss Helen Row Rocha, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eduardo Rocha, became the bride of Mr. Francisco Xavier Antonio Marcal, of Love Bingham and Matthews.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Marcal, and is a popular member of the Portuguese community.

The Reverend Father C. Orlando, rector of St. Theresa's, officiated.

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a white tulle veil, held in place by a lace coronet, and a white gown with a long train. She carried a bouquet of lilies.

Mr. A. J. Xavier was bestman for the bridegroom. Mr. A. P. Pereira was bestman for the bride.

Miss Evelyn Perpetuo and Miss Marie Marcal, who wore green and yellow dresses respectively, were bridesmaids.

The two flowergirls were Misses Camilla and Loretta Ricci Pereira, Master Fernando Xavier was the pagenob.

A reception was held at the Church Parish Hall, where more than 200 persons attended. The couple will spend their honeymoon at the Castle Peak Hotel, Castle Peak.



Mr. and Mrs. F. X. Marcal, who were married at St. Theresa's Church yesterday. The bride was the former Miss Helen Row Rocha. ("China Mail" photo.)

Five points of reform of the Colony's rice ration system were mentioned in an official statement issued by the Rice Sub-Committee, appointed by the Hong Kong Chinese Reform Association during a press conference yesterday.

The statement which has been passed by the Association's General Committee for release, stated the reform points as follows:

A. If the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation de-controlled the supply of rice, as they have agreed to do so starting from New Year's Day, 1950, the Hong Kong Government should give to leaders of the rice trade and experienced Chinese exporters the task of buying and shipping rice stocks from supply sources.

B. Permit Hong Kong rice importers to import rice for distribution with a reasonable margin of profit which should be from time to time under Government supervision in order to ensure a sufficient stock for any emergency.

C. The present practice of issuing one grade of rice each time should be abolished. Instead all grades of rice should be available in all ration depots at all times.

D. Rice rationing must include all of the Colony's population after the registration ordinance is fully enforced.

E. Each person should be issued a rice ration card.

The present system deprives nearly 50 per cent of the population of rationed rice and they have to depend on smuggled rice from Canton.

All rationing systems employed must be aimed at the benefit of the people.

F. Hong Kong Government should establish more ration depots.

10 Questions

Aside from the five points, the statement also put forth 10 questions which were results of the Rice Sub-Committee's intensive investigations during the past months.

Appealing to Government to organise a mixed Commission of Enquiry to investigate the local rice system, the document suggested that the proposed Commission should investigate along the lines of the 10 questions which are:

(1) If Government rice shipment arrives and is not up to the specifications laid down by Government, what other method for the improvement of the task done by the exporting agent as regards the personnel concerned. In addition to telegraphic and written protests, did Government prescribe.

(2) According to the Legislative Council statement on July 20, rice cost for handling is 46 cents. Are there any cheaper methods of handling the rice-cattle cost?

(3) What is the discrepancy in weight in each shipment? Are the discrepancies just added on to the cost of rice or are they being solved by more effective methods? Is there any way of preventing the discrepancies in shipment?

(4) What is the actual and contracted costs of the principle qualities of Government imported rice?

Broken Rice

(5) Among the quantity of rice shipments received during these years what percentage of broken rice was among them? The Rice Sub-Committee's investigation revealed that from 20 to 25 per cent and sometimes even 40 per cent of the rationed rice received by the public was broken rice.

Did such discrepancies cause Government to refuse to accept any shipment on their arrival?

What are the methods Government is employing to forestall such discrepancies in rice shipments?

(6) Since due to military and security measures the actual amount of rice stored in the Colony is unavailable, what is the percentage of good, bad and inedible rice in the Colony's stock?

Without announcing the percentage, the public will not rest assured that the stock of rice in the Colony is fit for consumption.

Cost Of Rice

(7) What are the possibilities of reducing the basic cost of rice? This will inevitably bring reductions in the present high cost of living figures.

(8) In case Government are requiring experienced rice dealers, did any dealers ever try to bid for the task of shipping and buying rationed rice at lower handling cost?

(9) Although the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation have resolved to de-control price of rice by January 1, 1950, which means the abolishing of rationed rice in 10 countries, will the Colony preserve its present rice ration system or revert to the system employed in 1940—free trade with Government supervision?

(10) What are the possibilities of coming through the present rice ration system and exposing its weakness so as to establish a thorough reform in the whole rice project of the Colony.

Shanghai Workers Calm Down

Shanghai, September 17.

Things are looking up on the Shanghai labour front following promulgation of new official regulations, judging by settlements reached Friday by the U.S. Information Service and a British-owned brewery with their labour staffs.

The negotiations were conducted quickly and amicably, in sharp contrast to the pressure tactics, threats and violation of foreign law by the Communists that marked previous labour controversies.

The long dispute just concluded by the U.S. Consulate-General demonstrated that more Unions are abiding by the laws of the Nationalist-controlled bank, are of various denominations. They were minted in Philadelphia, and the order was placed by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York on June 1.

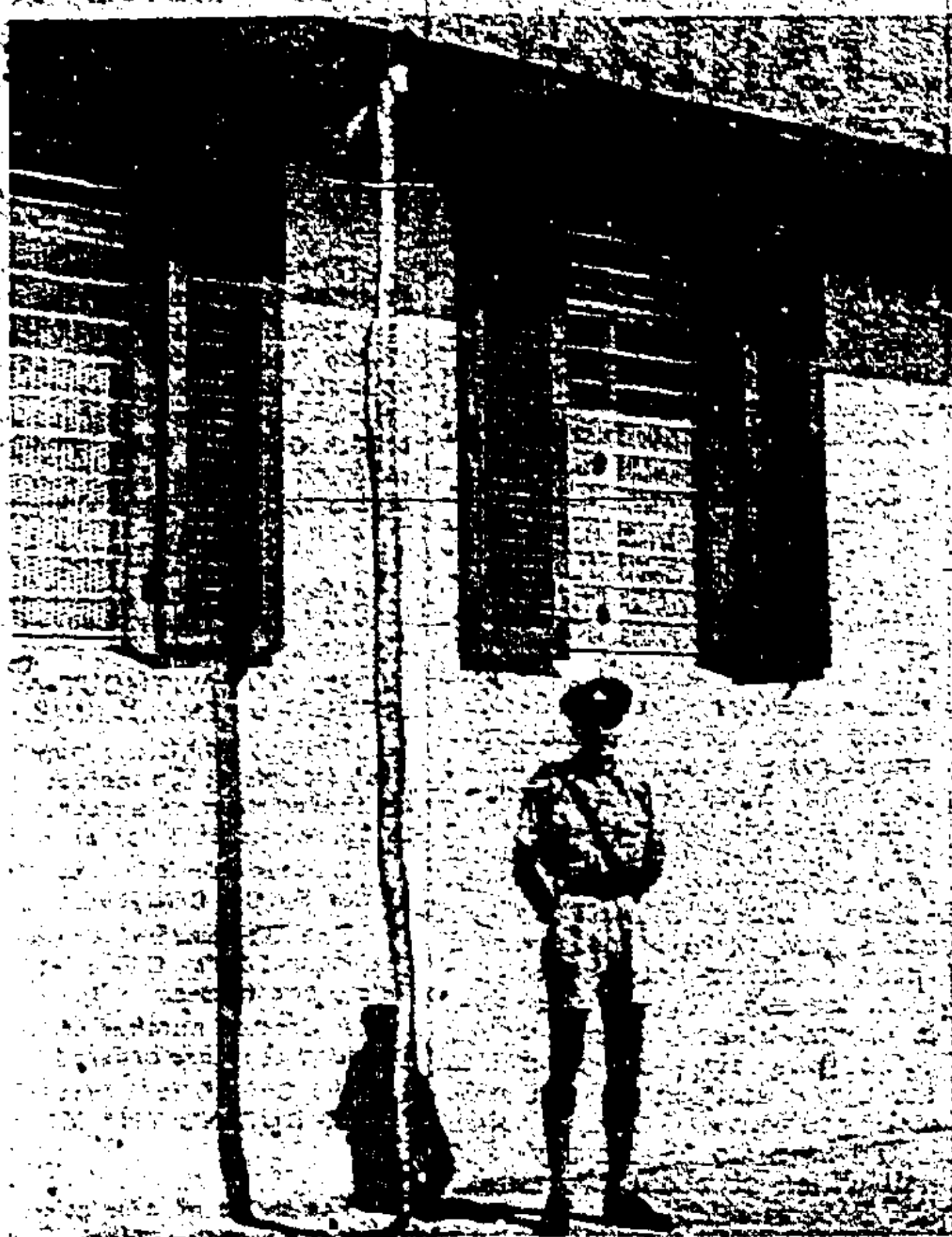
According to an official of the Tung Kwong Metal Works at Wanchai, Hong Kong, who was approached yesterday, the works had been minting the silver dollars for the Nationalists on a commercial basis. The works had produced altogether about HK\$200,000 worth of silver dollars.

"We produced about 3,000 pieces of silver dollars a day on a single unit at first, beginning early this month," the official declared.

"But recently the works acquired another unit and the two have produced about 5,000 silver dollar pieces a day, he added.

"The firm has stopped minting and is awaiting further contracts."

PLENTY OF SNAKE



Six-foot Sub-Inspector Charlie Chan of Wanchai Gap Police Station, with the 14-foot Indian python he shot yesterday morning on the hillside near Middle Gap Road. The snake is possibly the largest ever caught in the Colony. (Francis Wu-Photo)

Silver Coins Arrive For Nationalists

A shipment of U.S.\$2,250,000 worth of silver coins consigned to the Central Bank of China for the Chinese National Government arrived here yesterday by the ss. Edward Luckenbach from the United States.

This latest consignment will bring the total of silver dollars that have passed through Hong Kong for the Nationalists since they went on the silver basis to about HK\$93,000,000, including the some HK\$200,000 worth of silver dollars minted locally during the past 10 days.

The coins, which will be discharged from the Edward Luckenbach some time today at Kowloon Wharf to the vaults of the Nationalist-controlled bank, are of various denominations. They were minted in Philadelphia, and the order was placed by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York on June 1.

They were screw-press minting machines, made locally by the Chiap Hua Manufactory.

Silver coins, ordered from America, have been trickling through the Colony into the Nationalist coffers during the past months, beginning this year. Some came by the ss. General Gordon, which brought 2,520 cases of silver money for the Central Bank of China, last August.

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SPORTS GOSSIP

With the approaching of the Cricket season, the Indian Recreation Club will be fielding two teams in the League. Although they won the Second Division League last season, a couple of their second eleven players will be playing in the First Division.

With A. el Arculli, Jr. in England, the Indians will have to look for a fast bowler. At present there is no one in the Club to take Arculli's place.

A. H. Baker, last year's junior Captain, will most probably be seen in the first. Baker is an all-round player and can adapt himself to any position. Another player to be seen in the first team will be Ismail Ali, their opening batsman.

K. M. Ramjahn, one of the best batsmen the Indians have had for some time and who played for the Craggengower Cricket Club during the latter part of the season, will in all probability be playing for the Sookunpo team. Ramjahn is also a useful bowler.

Craggengower Cricket Club will have to rely on the majority of last year's players. G. A. Souza, their Captain, is available. F. Crabtree and P. J. Billimoria, who last season did most of the attacking for the Valley team, will once again be the mainstay of the Club as far as their bowling is concerned.

The Valley Club will also have K. L. Tam, a left handed batsman. Tam, who played for the University some years back, beside being a very useful batsman is also very good in the fielding department.

Rumour has it that Frank Howarth will be playing for the Kowloon Cricket Club. When asked whether this was true, Howarth emphatically denied the rumour and said that he will definitely play for the Chater Road Club again. Howarth is one of the most successful bowlers in the Colony.

T. A. Madar, the former Shanghai interpreter, will once again be playing Cricket this season. Madar, who is a useful batsman, will play for the Kowloon Cricket Club.

United Services—Recreation Club's Lawn Bowls Green was officially opened on Saturday when the home team entertained the Hong Kong Cricket Club. The Club will in all probability enter a team in the Lawn Bowls League next season.

The Prison Officers Club, who won the Third Division Lawn Bowls League Championships, are in the process of making arrangements to celebrate their success. It is understood that the Prison Officers will entertain representatives of various Clubs for friendly games. The date and time will be announced later.

The Hon. Secretary of the Hong Kong Lawn Bowls Association has sent out circulars to all Clubs asking for entries for the International Lawn Bowls competition (Gutierrez Shield).

It is expected that the following countries will enter—Pakistan (holders) England, Scotland, Portugal, India, Malaya, China, Philippines and Ireland.

With the lawn bowls league season already ended and the Colony Open Bowls and Triples having been decided, it remains for the Colony Singles and Doubles to be contested.

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ALL NOT GOING WELL AT INDONESIA TALKS

Namur, September 17.

Dutch and Indonesian delegates to The Hague round table conference on Indonesia, gathered here for informal week-end talks, are making a desperate effort to solve the Indonesian problem before Monday. They are said to be at odds over procedure for transferring sovereignty to the United States of Indonesia.

A progress report on the round-table conference today stated that there was neither a deadlock nor any insurmountable difficulties confronting the conference.

The report, issued by the Secretary-General of the conference, declared that all parties wished to emphasize this point. "They believed, however, that sufficient time has not been spent on the initial aspects of the work of the conference and that from their examination of the problems in a frank and flexible manner has emerged a fresh perspective as to the future course of the conference."

The steering committee would therefore now give its undivided attention to the problems of the basic issues and differences and after reviewing the overall activities of the conference, so as to expedite the future work of the conference.

It stated that as a prelude to that work the conference leaders had accepted the invitation of the Dutch Government to be its guests this week-end to consider quietly the aspects which have presented themselves during the committee discussions.

Not Going Well

After the discussion of the 30 main points submitted by the minorities, the steering committee decided that the minority groups should be permitted to give their views to the conference on citizenship, religious belief and culture, education, language and a number of other topics.

On the question of the statute of the union, the progress report stated that a working group of three members from the three delegations is making preparations for a further discussion by the special sub-committee.

Other committees, the report added, were making quiet progress with their discussions. This optimistic view of progress is not completely shared by political observers here. Despite the ban which the three delegations appear to have agreed to put on the use of the words deadlock or crisis, it is obvious that the talks are not going as well as was hoped.

Mr. Sumarto, an Indonesian official who has just arrived from New York to assist the Federal delegation, told Reuters today that he felt that if the conference did not soon show some results it might find itself under pressure from an impatient outside world. In the long run, this might even be necessary, he added. He thought the week-end meeting of leaders was too short to solve the complicated main problems, though he agreed it would have a decisive influence on the progress of the conference.

Position Of Crown

Mr. Sumarto also felt that the round-table conference would last considerably longer than the originally suggested period of two months.

The main stumbling block in Mr. Sumarto's opinion, is the position of the Crown. The Dutch want the Crown to have powers of decision, he said. The Republicans completely oppose that view, and the federalists take a middle course.

The Republicans attitude, Mr. Sumarto believes, goes back to the time when Dr. Mohamed Hatta, their present Premier and delegation leader, was a member of a movement which advocated complete cutting off from the Dutch.

The Republicans are also finding it difficult to reconcile their desire for a January, 1949, of the Renville agreement and its clear outline of the position of the Dutch crown with their present

desire to reduce the crown to nothing but a symbol.

In spite of these basic difficulties, Mr. Sumarto is not pessimistic about the final results of the conference.—Reuters.

KORDA FILM'S GRAND PRIX

Cannes, September 17. Sir Alexander Korda's "The Third Man" was today awarded the Grand Prix for the best film entered in the Cannes international film festival.

Other important awards in the festival went to: Rene Clement for the best production, with the Italian film "La Morte di Malaparte"; Isa Miranda, for the best actress, for her part in the same film;

Edward G. Robinson for the best male role in "Mancheviev's"; Alfred L. Weaver, another American, for the best scenario in the film "Lost Boundaries"; and Kramar, for the best photography, in Robert Wise's "The Set-Up".

The prize for the best film reporting went to Walt Disney's "Seal Island".—Reuters.

DANES HONOUR BRITEN

Copenhagen, September 17. Benjamin Britten, British composer-conductor, was presented with a laurel wreath after his final performance here last night. He has been conducting the English opera group in presentations of two of his operas—"The Rape of Lucretia" and "Albert Herring".

Danish music critics gave him, his operas and the opera group some of the finest "write ups" ever received by a visiting musician.—Reuters.

TRAIN DERAILED

Patna, September 17. Nine were killed and 18 injured, eight seriously, early today when an express goods train went off the rails near Kullaria, 25 miles from here.

Twelve wagons, including some loaded with cattle were smashed. A divisional superintendent of the East Indian Railway said that more than 100 cattle were killed.—Reuters.

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Bishops Turn Down Divorce Proposal

Halifax, September 17. The staid, tradition-conscious "House of Bishops" of the Anglican Church yesterday turned a cold shoulder on prospects of innocent parties to divorce actions being re-admitted into the Church's fold.

The Bishops, governing body of the Church of England in Canada, emphatically overruled a tentative and low-level decision to let "innocent" divorcees marry again and receive the Church's other Sacraments.

A formal ruling to this effect was reached on Thursday night at the closing session of the Church's seventeenth synod. It was tempered with a promise that the divorce situation would be given further study at a later unspecified date.—United Press.

MARQUESS REPORTED ENGAGED

London, September 17. The 30-year-old Marquess of Milford Haven was reported today to have become engaged to a pretty American socialite, Mrs. Romaine Simpson, aged 27, of New York.

The Marquess, best man at the wedding of his cousin, Prince Philip, to Princess Elizabeth, and Mrs. Simpson have had their picture taken together by Baron, the court photographer.

Asked for copies of the picture Baron's secretary replied: "They will be released generally to the press when it becomes official."

The Marquess could not be reached for comment. Mrs. Simpson, who came to London some days ago from Paris, is staying at Claridges Hotel. Reporters were told: "Mrs. Simpson is out."

Lord Milford Haven returned from the United States last March. He has gone there frequently in the past year or so as salesman for a British manufacturer of oil heaters.

The tall handsome Marquess is considered in court circles as one of Britain's most eligible bachelors.

The Marquess is the great-grandson of Queen Victoria. His full name is David Michael Mountbatten.—Associated Press.

London, September 17. The death of Lieutenant-Colonel MacMahon, military secretary to the Viceroy of India from 1929 to 1942, at the age 52, was announced here today.—Reuters.

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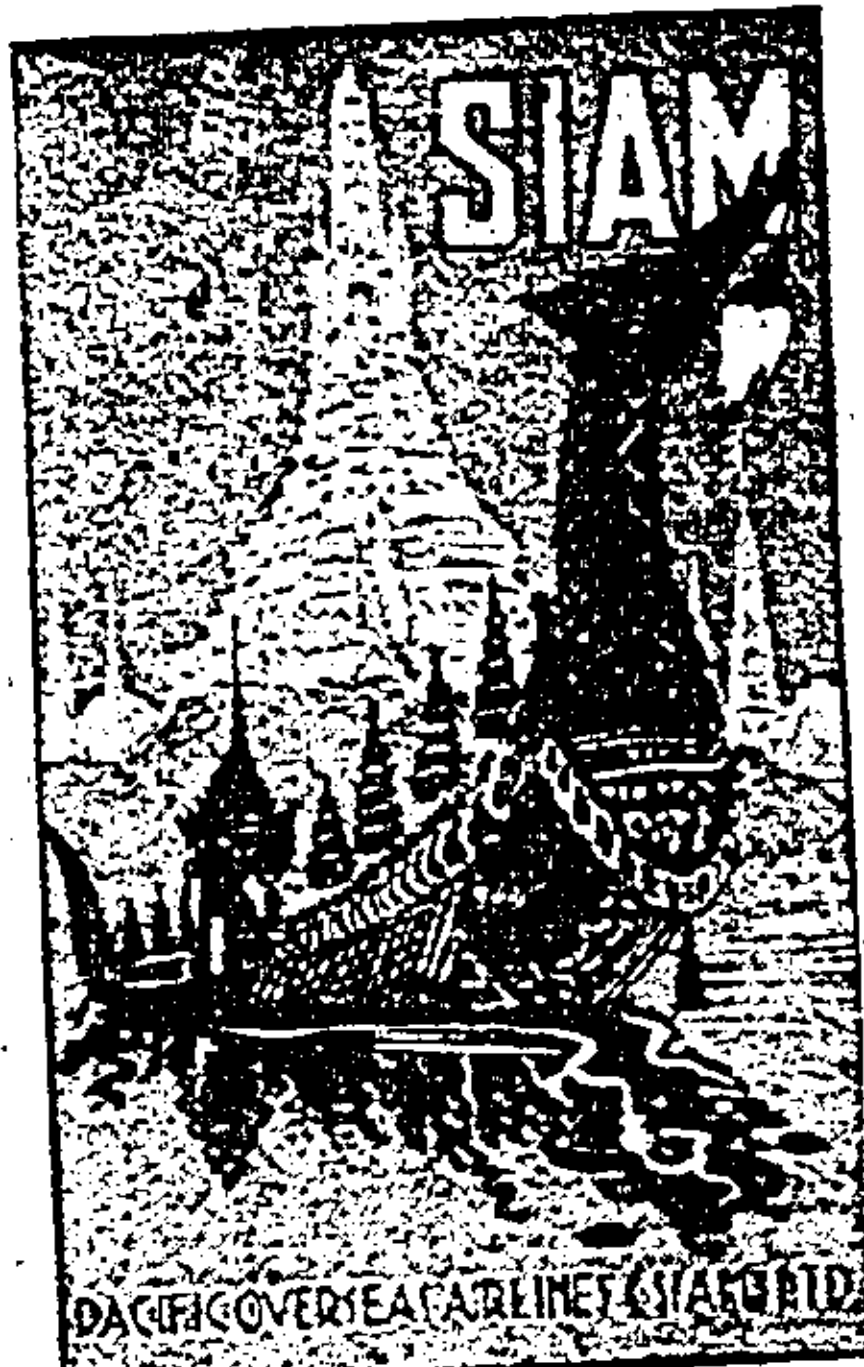
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THE POUND

Sir Stafford Cripps, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Treasury spokesmen in London have said so often in the past few weeks that there will be no devaluation of the pound sterling that the subject is almost getting monotonous. Agitation for its devaluation comes mainly from the United States, where American fiscal officials apparently hold the view that devaluation is a necessary prerequisite to any constructive action by America to solve the British dollar crisis.

In the years since the end of the First World War two generalisations concerning currency devaluation have attained widespread acceptance. One of these is that the fiscal authorities of a country which is considering inflation do not, and cannot, admit the fact until the very moment when official action is taken. This explains why rumours invariably persist even in the face of the most emphatic denials in official quarters.

The second of these generalisations is that if sufficient doubt is permitted to arise about the future value of a currency this fact itself tends frequently to make devaluation inevitable. This is because such expectations create a short interest in the currency, in the broader meaning of that term. The currency is sold by persons who see in the prospect of devaluation an opportunity to buy it back at a lower price; at the same time potential buyers of the country's goods postpone their purchases in the expectation of buying more cheaply later on. There is no doubt that the position of the pound sterling has been made to look much worse in recent months than it actually is because of the very existence of such doubts concerning its future value. It can be said, therefore, that there can be no permanent change for the better in Britain's dollar position unless and until such doubts are resolved one way or another.

But to say this is not to say that the present uncertainty can be removed only by sterling devaluation. The final word rests with the International Monetary Fund which sits in Washington. This Fund has met and adjourned and nothing was decided as to the level of sterling.

Devaluation is not inevitable. When devaluation has cast its shadow ahead of it clearly in the past this has usually been because inflation has got out of hand, and governments have more often than not found it easier to adjust the currency to the new price level than to bring prices into line with the currency. No one, we think, would seriously contend that this is the pattern of Britain's exchange problem at the present time.

ABDULLAH-FRANCO AGREEMENT

Madrid, September 17.
The Spanish Foreign Ministry said tonight that King Abdullah of Jordan and General Franco have reached complete agreement on questions involving the Middle East and the menace of Soviet Communism.
King Abdullah is now in Seville and is expected to leave tomorrow for Malaga where he will embark for the Middle East.

MOSCOW SUFFERS REVERSE IN AUSTRALIA

By ARNOLD YORK

Into what distant waters stretch the tentacles of the Soviet octopus is shown by a succession of Communist-organised strikes in Australia, the most recent of which, a colliery stoppage which disorganised the continent, ended last month. It left the duped miners, who themselves voted to resume work, no better off than when it began. Its alleged objectives

The Dollar Talks

By "WINDRUSH"

(Exclusive to the "China Mail")
Mr. Bevin and Sir Stafford Cripps went to America on what Mr. Bevin called their historic mission. As they left, England the political world in London began to talk interestingly of a general election. It may come in October or November.
The American talks began in a better atmosphere than seemed likely a month ago. The press on both sides of the Atlantic has stopped slinging mud. The "Sunday Pictorial", which voiced its complaints against America in an article which was the peak of the article, declared itself pacified when even the allegedly anti-British papers in America reprinted the article in full. Mr. Truman has spoken most tactful words to welcome the negotiations.

America has of course nearly as great an interest in Great Britain as the talks that the dollar area is in economic difficulty. Russia will keep up its attempts at sabotage. All that America is at present building in the West through the Atlantic Pact is built on unsafe foundations until the Western economic system has been brought into line. It will be very surprising if there is no agreement of some kind at Washington. Probably America will increase its rubber purchases. It may increase its stock-piles of raw materials from the sterling area. There may be barter deals.

Devaluation Issue

There may also be devaluation of the pound, in spite of all Sir Stafford Cripps' disclaimers last July. Already sterling is being dealt in widely at depreciated rates. Devaluation will not be a shock to the home public, which is now accustomed, as it was not a generation ago, to shifting exchange rates. But the effects of change rates in giving a fillip to British exports would quickly exhaust themselves. Devaluation is not a long-term solution.

Indeed a long-term solution is not likely to come from the talks. The measures agreed on will probably be just enough to tide Great Britain a little longer over the crisis. They will give a little more time for the adjustments to be made which are necessary because of the long-term changes in the economic relations of the U.S. and the rest of the world.

If America desires stability in the world outside the dollar area, it must buy more from the sterling area. It must invest more in the sterling area. To be blunt, it must lower its tariff. The "Economist" recently had some interesting figures showing how high the American tariff still is. Duty on imports of machinery may rise as high as 40 per cent. On clocks the ad valorem rate may be more than 200 per cent. The duty on glass is up to 4 per cent. Boots and shoes 23 per cent, hosiery 50 per cent.

Pernicketiness

The American tariff is open to a pernicketiness and within the context of a set of regulations which are obviously imbued with a traditional hostility to imports left as a relic from the days of American high protectionism.

This does not mean that the British need do nothing on their side. British costs of production are too high. They can be reduced by better management, and a better effort by labour to increase production. There may need to be a cut in standards of living. But nobody is willing to talk about that on this side of a general election.

And that brings the question back to the date of an election. The British delegates in their talks at Washington will explain the decision to cut dollar imports still further, and to cut down public expenditure. These measures will hurt the public. They will not do so now, but in a few months' time. The government may decide to get the election over before the pinch begins to be felt.

Moreover, the Washington talks may not result in agreement. The British delegates may be pressed to take measures to which they feel they cannot agree because of the opposition which they would meet from organised labour at home.

were higher wages and shorter hours; it secured neither.

Though the miners gained nothing by striking, against the advice of their union leaders, the Communists, who, with Moscow's concurrence, infiltrated their ranks and provoked the strike, may regard with complacency the damage that has been done. Seven weeks was the length of the strike. In addition to the idle miners, it threw 150,000 people in dependent industries out of work through lack of coal. In loss of wages, it cost £23,000,000 in Australian currency (£24,750,000 sterling), and £100,000,000 (£275,000,000 sterling) owing to the non-production of goods.

Industry lost 127,000,000 man-hours, 1,650,000 tons of coal, 170,000 of steel, 136,000 of pig-iron, and 2700 houses were not built. But this is in the depth of winter, when more heating and lighting are needed than at other seasons.

In some of the Australian States, the brewing of beer, the national beverage, came to an end, and £4,750,000 (£5,750,000) in excise duty was lost. The total effect of the strike on Australia's export trade remains to be assessed.

Mr. J. B. Chifley, the Prime Minister, in a continent-wide broadcast, declared that the miners had now learned the effect on the national life of the disruptive tactics of the Communists.

Ex-Communist Exposes Tactics

An accurate idea of the working-much of it underground—of the Communist Party in Australia may be gained from the exposure of its tactics by coal miner Herbert Sharpley, who held one of its key positions. He resigned from the Victorian executive of the Party in January 1949 after 14 years' membership. For the last two of which he was one of the leaders in his State. His job, which earned him £2,510 a week, was self-admittedly that of a paid wreckers.

As secretary of the Industrial Committee, he worked among the trade unions and rigged their elections to ensure the return to office of Communist candidates. He walked out because he became convinced that the Communist Party not only sought to disrupt the Australian Labour Party, but desired a war in which Russia should be victorious.

Nor were the Communists averse to a Japanese occupation of Australia, because when the army of invasion had been driven out, the time would have been ideal for the Communists, with the approval of the Soviet, to seize power.

"Little Brother" Switches Career

Sharpley, a clean-shaven, intense-looking man of 40, with a face of intellectual cast, began life conventionally enough. Born in England, and reared in an atmosphere of social reform, he was the son of an Anglican clergyman, and at 16 was leading a Bible study group.

At 17 he was preaching in London, and two years later he was studying at Cambridge University with the intention of becoming a minister of the gospel. Abandoning this idea owing to a change of convictions, he sailed for Australia as a "Little Brother"—one of an admirable organisation, the Big Brother Movement, sponsored by established Australians who endeavoured to secure a career for younger men from other parts of the British Commonwealth.

After working for two years on the land, and being thrown idle for four years by a depression in the labour market, Sharpley joined the Labour Party, was disillusioned, and became a Communist in 1935 at a starting wage of £2 a week, believing that this was the true path to Socialism, to adherence to which he has now reverted after having experienced deeper disillusion than he ever suffered as a Labour supporter.

One In 600 A Communist

The total membership of the Australian Communist Party is set at 12,000—one Australian in 600. This takes no account of "fellow travellers."

Six thousand members, disillusioned about Russia, have left the organisation since the Second World War. The Party, which strategy enough came to some extent from the middle classes, is almost stationary. But though numerically weak, the Communists are organisationally strong.

Headquarters of the Victorian branch is a gloomy, sparsely-furnished office near the top of a 10-storey block in the heart of Melbourne's business district, with a likeness of Lenin on the wall and a library of Marxist-Leninist classics.

There is a school for young Communists, in one of the suburbs, a branch, or "cell," of 50 members in the Melbourne University, and a Youth League with 200 members in Victoria and 600 in New South Wales.

Communist Academy at Moscow, and it was decided in 1948 to send another official to Russia to collect material for an Australian propaganda campaign.

Communist are in key positions in the Australian Water-side and Seamen's Unions and the Miners' Federation; they have a strong voice in the affairs of the Australian Amalgamated Engineering Union, and are seeking to dominate the Railways Union in other States as well as in Victoria. If they accomplished this, they could up the main communications of the continent.

Moscow Calls The Tune

According to Sharpley, the Australian Communist Party takes its cues from Moscow and Bucharest, in Rumania, which moved thither from Belgrade the Communist (the Information Bureau of the European Communist parties).

The Australian Communist source of guidance is the Moscow radio and the Communist newspaper, "Australian Red," which Sharpley, "the Moscow man," "the Fifth Column," a foreign power, as he described them in a broadcast on April 24, 1949.

At the 15th National Congress of the Australian Communist Party in Sydney in May 1949, Lance Sharkey, its leader, and general secretary, outlined the change in policy decided by the Communist Party, and reported on his visits to Communist organisers in India and Malaya.

Resolutions were unanimously passed which brought Australian Communist policy into line with Cominform decisions under the expansionist policy of the Soviet.

The Congress was in correspondence with the British Communist Party, and urged revolutionary action against British interests. This eventually came to a head.

Cash And Carry For Communism

Every Australian Communist is expected to contribute weekly for Communist organisations in Malaya, China, India, and Burma. There is definite Communist hostility to the admirable immigrants to Australia from the Baltic States now under Russian control: the Communists fear the influence of the accounts given by the Balts of Soviet oppression, forced poverty, slave labour, deportations and violent death in their lost homelands of Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania.

Communism in Australia is financed by party levies, street collections, occasional donations—sometimes from well-to-do merchants—bazaars, racing and football sweeps. Propaganda, which less importance is attached than to organisations, is spread by radio, by leaflets, by word of mouth from school-teachers to pupils, but mainly by the party's newspapers, of which there are two in Victoria.

Union Leaders Side-tracked

In his exposure of Communist tactics—collateral evidence is to be found in the columns of the "Sydney Bulletin," the "Sydney Morning Herald," and other newspapers, Sharpley, whose statements are supported by a statutory declaration that they are true, says:

"Most big strikes in Australia over the past three years have neither been decided on nor directed by unions. They have been called and run by the Communist Party. Most of the industrial disputes of the past three years could have been settled had it not been for the Communist Party."

It was the Communist Party which called the Transport Strike of November 1948 against the Victorian Essential Services Act, which provided that pre-strike ballots should be secret.

Subterfuges Serve Russia

Communist tactics, apart from the instigation of irresponsible strikes, include sabotage, stop-work meetings, and go-slow tactics, because the most valuable service that can be rendered to Russia is to weaken the national economy and the national defences.

A useful subsidiary method of gaining control of the trades unions was to rig the ballots at the union elections. Communists or "fellow travellers" were elected as returning officers; ballot-papers were "switched," altered, and even destroyed.

The election of the returning officers is made sure by packing a meeting with Communists and relying on the absence through indifference of "straight" unionists. Switching the votes is facilitated by having more ballot-papers printed—preferably at Left-wing establishments—than there are voters.

Communist are organised to vote in the names of "straight" unionists too negligent to attend

for voting, unlike parliamentary voting in Australia, is not compulsory.

Since many genuine Labour union ballot papers are filled in pencil, and handed over in a dog-eared and crumpled condition, it is easy to rub out and re-arrange the numbering which indicates the voter's preference for the candidates.

This cannot be done in clerical unions, where the papers are spiced and span, with the entries in ink. False postal votes can be lodged. Inspection of the membership rolls has been refused to the inquisitive or the suspicious; and when these have threatened legal action, the fraudulent records have been destroyed.

It was by such methods that control of the Building Workers' Industrial Union was secured, and the building houses—a crying need in Australia today, which is active immigration policy—was slowed down. Sharpley asserts that ballots were rigged for the Australian Amalgamated Engineering Union, the Boiler Makers' Society, and the Clerks' Union. E. F. Hill, secretary of the Victorian State Committee of the Communist Party, denied on April 19, 1949, that ballot-taking had been indulged in; but Sharpley has sworn to the contrary.

Wreckers' Methods Exposed

It is asserted by Sharpley that the Communists call strikes not only to wreck Australia's economy, but to discredit and disrupt the Labour movement. After the New South Wales steel strike in 1945, which financially exhausted the Iron Workers' Union, and Queensland meat strike in 1946, which had the same effect on several unions, the Political Committee of the Communist Party declared a new technique of striking in waves, bringing out only the key men, and thus enabling the unions to impose strike levies on those still at work, thus prolonging the trouble.

In the 1947-48 strike in the metal trades, there was not, for instance, a general stoppage; but waves of key engineers were laid idle for a succession of months. The tactical development of a strike is assigned to Communist groups in the unions and factories, and to Communist-run shop-committees and union management committees.

In May 1948 the tactical line was made stricter, and organisation in all states was stimulated to greater activity, particular regard being had to the lighter industrial unions and the textile, clothing, and boot trades, as well as the metal trades group.

Stern disciplinary measures were instituted for Communist officials in the trades unions who did not strictly toe the party line, and classes were conducted further to promulgate Marxist doctrines.

There are no Communists in the Federal Parliament, and only one in any State Legislature: but the Party places some reliance on a number of liberal-minded citizens on whose friendly views it can trade.

But despite—or perhaps because of—occasional replacements in its ranks and expulsions from them, the Australian Communist Party is a happy family. They are ambitious enough: these are the people who look to an eventual Communist dictatorship in Australia. But Australia shows signs of waking up.

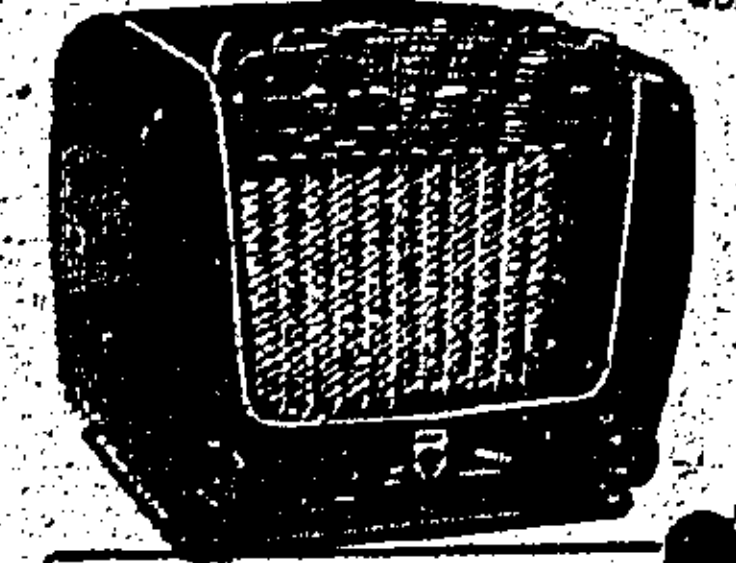


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According to a possibly left-wing correspondent, most of the "small fry" are now "Atlantic pecked."

Economic Co-operation dollars ... EC money?

Sonja Henie's wedding, we reported, "lacked only the glass slippers of a fairy-tale setting." Our proof readers admit that it can fairly be assumed that someone slipped up on that one.

Too many doctors dictating. If I adventure to spare, I might be able to get to the bottom of this German political business.

Forms must be filled up by entrants before they can compete in one beauty contest. Hence the large number of damsels seen tucking into T-bone steaks.

Let us be Franco. King Abdullah is enjoying his stay in Andalusia. And the delusions...

"Evidence with which the late Mrs. — was held in esteem by the Hong Kong community..." An affidavit was not really needed.

After the party, the hangover. Former S.S. chief of the Neckar concentration camp has been sentenced by a French military court... to a Neckartie party at dawn.

Pennycock? Hollywood: Alms worse than opium, say Shanghai papers. Ought to pipe down.

Chinese Reds keep on harbin on this trade business.

Yes, indeed. "The popular seaside resorts of Margaret and Blackport..."

Falls in the fire for him. Pirate "Potato" Yip: should have kept his eyes peeled.

The standard income tax rate in Britain is said to be 45 per cent.—Or practically on a friendly sharing basis of 50-50.



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DEFENCE COMMITTEE FOR ATLANTIC PACT

Regional Planning Groups Set Up

WASHINGTON HEADQUARTERS

Washington, September 17.

The 12 North Atlantic Treaty Powers today set up a Defence Committee and a detailed organisation to implement the Pact. The plan was disclosed in a communique issued after representatives of the 12 Powers had met here today for an hour to inaugurate the North Atlantic Defence Council. It had been drawn up by a working group which was given the task of deciding how the Treaty's defence machinery should be implemented.

ANOTHER DENIAL ON POUND

London, September 17.
Treasury officials, who stood by for Sir Stafford Cripps's return from Washington today, wearily reiterated their "no devaluation of Sterling" watchword.

The reiterated was made in answer to the enquiries of world newspaper correspondents. Meanwhile, Congressional approval of President Truman's tariff-cutting programme has opened the way for new Anglo-American negotiations to reduce tariff barriers to trade, a United States official said in Washington tonight.

Tariff Commission sources said that as Congress had now approved the Reciprocal Trade Agreements Bill empowering the President to adjust tariffs by 50 per cent, it was an obvious step for Britain now to ask new tariff concessions.

State Department officials said that there would undoubtedly be new tariff agreements between Britain and the United States and other Western European countries. But it would be many months before these could be reached because of the American law requiring public hearings and negotiations on proposals to cut import duties so as not to kill any domestic industry.—Reuter.

Self-Help Necessity Says Eden

Norwich, September 17.
Mr. Anthony Eden, deputy leader of the Opposition, said today: "We have had too many cycles of crisis—American help, optimism, and yet more crisis. This time we must finally call a halt to that process. We must pull ourselves up by our bootstraps."

Mr. Eden, the first leading Conservative to comment on the outcome of the Washington dollar talks, told a Party rally here that much of the "communique issued at the end of the talks was an expression of hopes rather than of constructive proposals."

"The true message of Washington is that the United States have once again given us some measure of help. We can have no complaint against American generosity. But our own contribution to our salvation—which is what really counts—has not yet been declared by the Government," Mr. Eden said.

"It is to a free and united Commonwealth family that we must look for long-term decisions on the great issues of our time."—Reuter.

The Foreign Ministers of Britain, the United States, Canada, France, Belgium, Holland, Luxembourg, Norway, Denmark, Italy and Portugal and the Icelandic Minister to the United States met in the building where they signed the Treaty last April. The defence plan provides for:

(1) A Defence Committee of representatives of all the Treaty countries. This Committee is to meet on October 5.

(2) A Military Committee of Chiefs of Staff from the 12 countries. It is to meet normally in Washington to provide general guidance of a military nature to a standing group and to advise the Defence Committee on unified defence of the North Atlantic area.

(3) A standing group of the representatives of Britain, France and the United States, to co-ordinate and integrate defence plans originating in five regional planning groups.

(4) Five planning groups on a regional basis to prepare plans for the defence of these regions.

Planning Groups

The planning groups are as follows:
North European region—Britain, Denmark and Norway.

The United States has agreed to take part in defence planning for this region.

West European region—Belgium, France, Luxembourg, Holland and the United States.

Canada has agreed to take part in defence planning here.

The communique said that Denmark and Italy would also participate in this region.

South European and West European region—France, Italy, Greece, Turkey, Portugal, Britain and the United States.

The communique said that the Defence Committee would arrange co-operation among the three European groups.

There were provisions for other countries to participate in the different groups.

The fourth group was the Canadian-United States region.

The fifth was the North Atlantic Ocean region—Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, Iceland, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Britain and the United States.

Equal Share

"The responsibilities for planning the defences in the North Atlantic Ocean cannot be shared equally by all members of the group," the communique said.

"On the other hand, these responsibilities can to some extent be divided along functional lines and allocated to those parties who are best able to perform the respective defence functions."

"Therefore, the North Atlantic regional planning group, when it meets, should establish a series of planning sub-groups related to specific functions of defence."

Advanced Jet Bombers For RAF

Newton, September 17.
The Air Minister, Mr. Arthur Henderson, said here today that Britain is concentrating on the longer-term development of advanced jet bombers more revolutionary than the Canberra—twin-engine jet bomber—with a performance equal to that of most modern jet fighters.

Mr. Henderson claimed that today, the Royal Air Force has the finest fighters in the world in service.

Saying that the goal of the R.A.F. was the reconstruction of a compact, highly trained and efficient force, Mr. Henderson added: "I am confident that such a force is in sight and that we are now emerging from the unsettled, disturbed conditions of the immediate post-war period although much remains to be done before conditions in the Service reach the standard at which I am aiming."

Mr. Henderson was speaking at a commemoration of the "Battle of Britain" nine years ago, in which the R.A.F. defeated the German air offensive.—Reuter.

"The group should determine on which sub-group or sub-groups each party should sit and the arrangements necessary to insure co-ordination between these sub-groups in the interest of speedy and effective planning."

The communique defined the terms of reference of each regional group as being "to develop and recommend to the Military Committee through the standing group plans for the defence of the region and co-operate with the other regional groups with a view to eliminating conflict in, and in sharing harmony among, the various regional plans."

In the communique, the Council instructed the standing group to give guidance to the regional planning groups and to co-ordinate and integrate their plans.

Permanent Body

The communique stated that the standing group should be so organised as to function continuously with its permanent site in Washington.

The communique does not give to the standing group or the organisations set up the power to make decisions binding on individual governments.

The communique stated, after outlining the terms of reference of the standing group: "It is recognised that it is the responsibility of individual governments to provide for the implementation of plans to which they have agreed."

"It is also understood that when communicating their regional plans to the standing group, the regional planning should be entitled to have their plans presented and explained by any one of their members and not necessarily by a member of the standing group," the communique added.

The Foreign Ministers agreed that the North Atlantic Council itself should meet at least annually.

Annual Session

It would normally be composed of Foreign Ministers but to enable the Council to meet promptly at any time the diplomatic representatives in Washington could act as their government's representatives.

It was decided that the ordinary annual session of the Council should normally be held at about the same time and in the same general geographical area as the annual session of the United Nations General Assembly. Other ordinary sessions should, whenever practicable, be held at some convenient place in Europe.

Officials said that the 12 Foreign Ministers reached agreement in one hour on the plan outlined in the communique. They reached this agreement without any hitch.

They reported one of the Foreign Ministers as having said after the Council meeting that if Russia had been there what was done in one hour would have taken several years.

The officials added that Russia was mentioned at today's closed session of the North Atlantic Council.—Reuter.

RED ARMY HAS FIVE MILLIONS MOBILISED

Washington, September 17.

Russia has over 5,000,000 men in her armed forces and is steadily increasing her military strength, according to a joint Senate Committee report issued today.

Since 1948 Russia has increased her military budget by 19 per cent and her ground forces are in better condition than at any time since the war, the report said.

The Senate Foreign Relations and Armed Services Committees were reporting on President Truman's arms aid programme.

The joint Committee said that Russian troops in Germany had been increased from 70,000 to 100,000. The Soviet Union had increased security measures along its own borders and those of its satellites.

"In the face of complete demobilisation of the forces of the United States and the European Nations, Soviet policy has been and is to increase its military strength," the report stated.

This policy, the report added, is apparently a deliberate one, and would exist whether or not the programme of aid of free nations is undertaken by the United States.

Most of the arms to be given to the Atlantic Pact nations would go to France, it added.

Aid To Italy

"Assistance is also to be extended to the Governments of Norway and Denmark."

"These countries, which have courageously abandoned their historic policy of neutrality and joined with other free nations in an effort to obtain collective security, sorely require assistance to improve and strengthen their military establishments," the report went on.

It said that though military aid would go to Italy the United States did not propose to assist or condone any violation of the Italian peace treaty.

The aid would be carefully limited to ensure that Italy's armed strength did not exceed the limitations imposed by the treaty.

Effective Use

The report said that the United States was determined to see that the Atlantic Pact countries made effective use of any military equipment with which they were provided.

No equipment would be delivered unless the Secretary of Defence considered recipient nations could make proper use of it or requested training in its use.

The report added that European military officers would be trained to handle the equipment both in schools here and in the countries concerned.

It disclosed that about \$58,000,000 worth of equipment and supplies have already been sent to Korea.

The arms aid programme will be debated by the Senate next week.—Reuter.

ARNHEM BATTLE REMEMBERED

Arnhem, September 17.

British pilgrims stood with thousands of Dutch in heavy rain for an hour today at the Arnhem airborne landings anniversary service in Oosterbeek Airborne Cemetery.

The Reverend J.W.H. Harlow, who took part in the 1944 assault, conducted the service with two Dutch clergymen on a dais in the midst of the white crosses marking the flower-covered graves of the 1,600 Allied men who fell there.

Half-way through the service, a thousand Dutch children, with their arms full of flowers, filed into the cemetery and placed their flowers round the crosses.

In the afternoon, a silent procession wound through the streets of Arnhem, where wreaths were laid on the Airborne Memorial on Arnhem Bridge.—Reuter.

PACIFIC TREATY FORECAST

Sydney, September 17.

The Conservative "Sunday Herald" today quoted well-informed sources as saying that a Pacific regional defence pact will be signed before the end of the year.

The United States will be a member of this pact, the paper said.

As in the Atlantic pact, contracting Pacific nations will agree to pool military resources and support any member threatened with aggression, and the headquarters of the pact will probably be in Melbourne.

The paper said the Australian Government hopes that the British and American Governments will have announced the details of the pact before the Australian general election in December.

The countries listed as future members of the pact are: the United States, Britain, Spain, Burma, the Netherlands and the Philippines.

The paper added that Canada is believed to be reluctant to join because of other commitments with the Atlantic Union.—United Press.

CONGRESSMEN IN CALCUTTA

Calcutta, September 17.

Six United States Congressmen, at present on a Far Eastern survey mission, arrived here today from Hong Kong to study economic conditions in India.

They will examine trade possibilities and possible requirements for dollar loans.

The mission was headed by Congressman M. G. Burnside, of West Virginia, and was accompanied by a United States Air Force liaison officer and an American State Department representative.

The party is staying in Calcutta for two days and leaves on Tuesday for Rangoon and other Far East capitals.—Reuter.

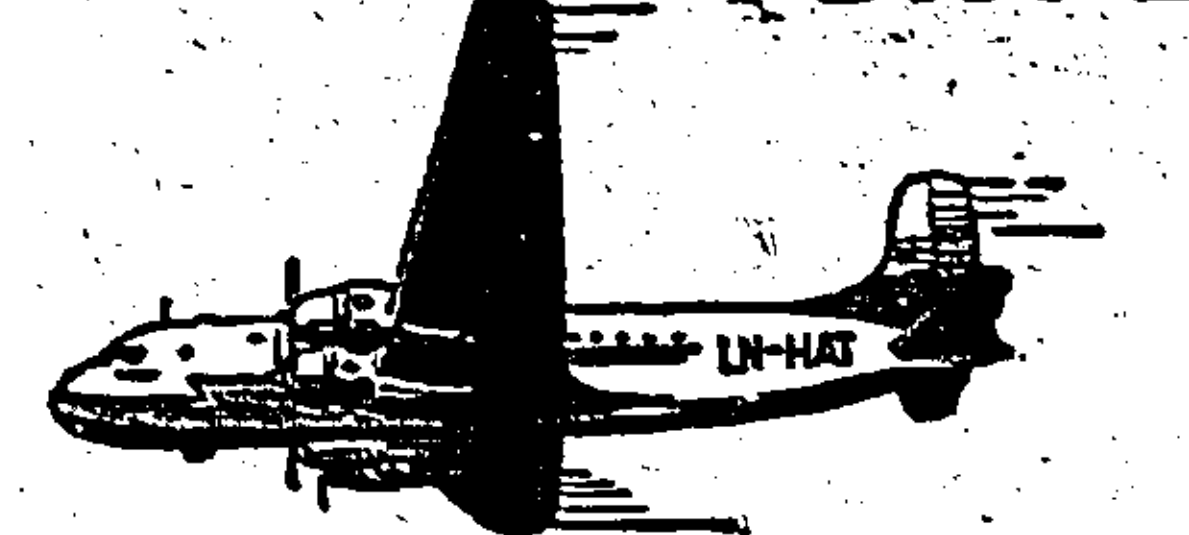
HAROLD STASSEN IN ULSTER

Belfast, September 17.

Mr. Harold Stassen, President of the University of Pennsylvania, arrived here by air from London today to spend the week-end with the Prime Minister of Northern Ireland, Sir Basil Brooke, at Colebrook, County Fermanagh.

He lunched with officials of the Ministry of Health with whom he discussed the working of the health service in Northern Ireland, but declined to express any opinion. Mr. Stassen will return to London on Monday.—Reuter.

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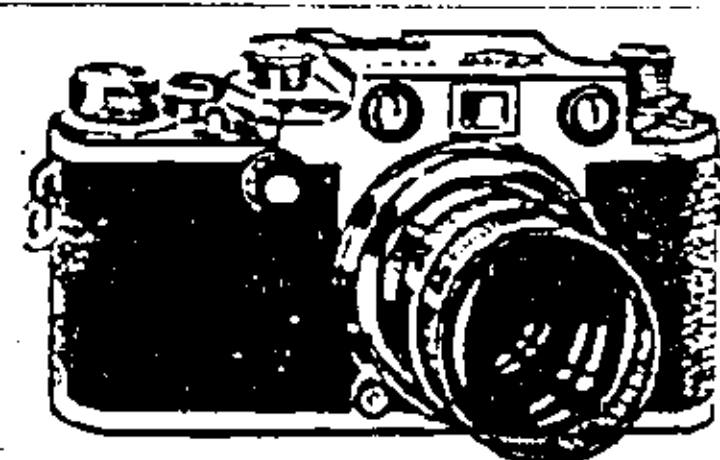
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STAMP NEWS

By "TETE-BECHE"

Many thanks to Mr. W. E. Jones for his interesting letter regarding the "Sperat" forgeries.

Since writing my last notes, I have read a most interesting article in a well known American Magazine, which deals fully with the story of how this notorious engraver devoted most of his life to turning out perfect reproductions of famous stamps, in order to get his own back on stamp dealers.

And what was the cause of his dislike of the latter?

Like most youngsters his hobby was collecting stamps, and, having saved his spare time for months he bought a valuable French Colonial which the dealer assured him was genuine, but which, in fact, turned out to be a poor counterfeit. This started his vendetta against stamp dealers and eventually landed him in jail. During this period he had forged more than 300 of the world's rarest stamps. He is now working on his chef d'oeuvre, a huge volume entitled "Confidentially—for the Experts," which he says when completed, will cost U.S.\$600 a copy.

Copies of the current four-cent stamp of Singapore have been found with perforations 17½ x 18 instead of the usual 14. It may be that other values in this series will appear with the new perforation, and bring the Singapore set into line with those of the Malayan States.

Brunei Issue

On the 20th of this month a set of three values, (8c, 25c, and 50c) is to be issued to commemorate the Silver Jubilee of the Sultan of Brunei, which takes place on that date. This is the first commemorative issue for Brunei since 1922, and so, with the U.P.U. set, there will be two commemorative sets on sale at the same time. As the earlier commemorative set was merely an overprint, this will be the first special set printed for Brunei.

The Independence issue of Ceylon, as a set, is now obsolete.

The five-cent value was withdrawn from sale officially on June 20th and the 25-cent value on July 30. I understand that supplies were exhausted locally before these dates.

A new set has been issued for Morocco Agencies, overprinted in shillings and pence and ranging from 1d. to 5/-.

The Australian 10/- value in the new "Arms" design was released on 5th September, and I understand that an 8½d. value is in preparation to cover registration and special delivery. I presume we can expect the 1/- value to appear in the new "Arms" design before long.

HK Society's Meeting

During recent months new hand stamps have been supplied for use in Bahrain and Kuwait. They are of the single-ring type with the name of the territory around the top. These will replace the worn metal hand stamps with the large double ring variety as used by Indian Post Office.

There are two stamps from neighbouring colonies which I find somewhat elusive to obtain in used condition. I refer to the one-cent chocolate of the current Brunei set and the 12-cent orange of Sarawak overprinted B.M.A. The former no doubt is used for internal postage and not used to any great extent for overseas correspondence.

Let me remind readers that the next meeting of the Hong Kong Philatelic Society will be held on Thursday, September 29 at 5.30 p.m. I understand that the meeting will take place at the Catholic Centre, King's Building, Tea will be served and visitors are welcome.

CARTEL PROPOSED FOR JAPAN

Tokyo, September 18.
The Japanese Government has asked General Douglas MacArthur for permission to relax the occupation-inspired anti-monopoly and fair trade laws to allow the formation of a giant Japanese foreign trade cartel, it was revealed today.

The cartel, to be called "Exporters Association," would control Japan's export trade of the Edward Weich, chief of the Headquarters' Anti-Trust and Cartel Division, said he absolutely opposes the proposal. He said: "So far this is the official position taken by Headquarters." He called the proposed cartel a violation of the principles of free enterprise and the Far Eastern Commission's directives on the foreign trade.

However, Japanese sources said they had won some influential occupation officials' support to the plan. They argued that it would help stabilise and expand Japan's export trade and protect small exporters.—United Press.

Pacific Defence On Alert

San Diego, California, September 17.

Every warship and Naval Air squadron of the U.S. Pacific Fleet is outfitted for emergencies that might arise during atomic bombing. The Navy announced tonight, Commander J. C. Oldfield, in charge of all atomic decontamination for the air forces of the Pacific Fleet, said that all units now have specialists trained in defences against radioactivity.

"All ships are equipped for decontamination," he said. "They are set up to handle two problems—decontamination of men who have been exposed to radioactivity, and the cleaning of a ship that has been made dangerous."—United Press.

PAYMENTS FOR WAR HARDSHIPS

Washington, September 17.

Some 130,000 Americans mistreated by Japanese and German captors in World War II, or their dependents, may expect compensation payments beginning early next year. The highest payments will be US\$7,500 on certain death claims.

Daniel F. Cleary, chairman of a new three-member War Claims Commission, said today the claims will be passed upon as rapidly as possible, but that necessary preliminaries will require probably four months. The compensation will be paid to an estimated 125,000 Americans who were denied adequate rations when prisoners of war, to some civilians, termed by the Japanese in the Philippines and 1,200 others seized by the Japanese elsewhere in the Pacific.

The money will come from German and Japanese property confiscated in this country. A fund set up in the Treasury from this source is expected to reach US\$150,000,000. Mr. Cleary told a newsman today this should be adequate to pay the claims as Congress authorised more than a year ago.

Aside from passing upon these, the Commission is expected to report to Congress by next March 31 whether the injuries resulted from the war deserved remedial legislation.—Associated Press.

RAF CRASHES

London, September 17.
A bomber and a training plane, taking part in Royal Air Force displays to mark the Battle of Britain Day, crashed today with the loss of eight lives.

The bomber, a Wellington, crashed near Darlington, Durham, while on a low-level parachute dropping demonstration, and the six occupants were killed. Two men were killed when a Harvard training plane crashed and caught fire, near Upwood Aerodrome, Huntingdonshire, while doing aerobatics.—Reuter.

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Burma Rebels "Hopelessly Divided"

Rangoon, September 17.
The Premier, Thakin Nu, told a mass meeting here today that insurgent forces throughout Burma are hopelessly divided, and appealed to the Burmese people to work with unflinching determination to enable the Government to restore peace.

The plight of the insurgents, the Premier added, should serve as an invaluable lesson to those who formed the vanguard of the peace army.—Reuter.

Aussies Deport A Chinese

Sydney, September 17.
Dr. Chun Dia, 54, Chinese herbalist, described by his friends as a fine man who had lived in Australia for 12 years, left Sydney today for Hong Kong under orders from the Government.

Chun left without protest because he did not want to make any more trouble for Chinese in Australia, according to Young Doc, President of the Chinese Memorial Fund. He added that three of the Chinese seamen who are at present on bail awaiting deportation, will sail for Singapore aboard the "Merkur" on September 22.—United Press.

INDIA REJECTS UN KASHMIR PROPOSAL

New Delhi, September 17.

The Prime Minister, Jawaharlal Nehru, announced today that India has rejected arbitration proposals of a United Nations Commission on Kashmir.

Mr. Nehru, however, scoffed at any talk of war with Pakistan.



MR. NEHRU

BRITON'S HOUSE SEARCHED

London, September 17.
A Foreign Office spokesman today charged that the Israel police last month forced their way into the Jerusalem home of Mr. A. Reid, a Briton, who is the local representative of the Church of Scotland, and searched it with the remotest of insouciance. The spokesman alleged that the search took place at 11.30 p.m. on August 29 and was made on the pretext that they wished to search the house for arms.—Reuter.

Both India and Pakistan claim control of the principality of Kashmir.

The Secretary-General of the UN, Trygve Lie, had announced that UN had submitted arbitration proposals but would not divulge details.

Mr. Nehru told a public meeting at Patna, on the India-Pakistan border, that rumours of possible war were childish.

The UN Commission's proposals had sidetracked the main issue of the two-year-old dispute which, he claimed, was Pakistan's aggression in Kashmir.

India wanted a clear-cut statement whether Pakistan was the aggressor in Kashmir but the arbitration proposal concealed the crux of the problem, Mr. Nehru charged.

Pakistan announced its acceptance on September 6 of the UN proposals, advanced by U.S. Admiral Chester W. Nimitz.

Three days later it was disclosed that the Commission had had to abandon a truce meeting on August 22 because Pakistan refused to discuss two items which India proposed adding to the agenda.

Correspondence indicated that India told the Commission she

wanted to discuss disbandment of the Azad (Free) Kashmir Forces as part of the condition for a truce, and control of territories North of the cease fire line.

Reuter quotes Mr. Nehru as saying to units of the Indian Army:

"There can be no peace if the simple fact that India went to Kashmir in response to the Kashmiri people's appeal to fight aggression is not appreciated and understood."

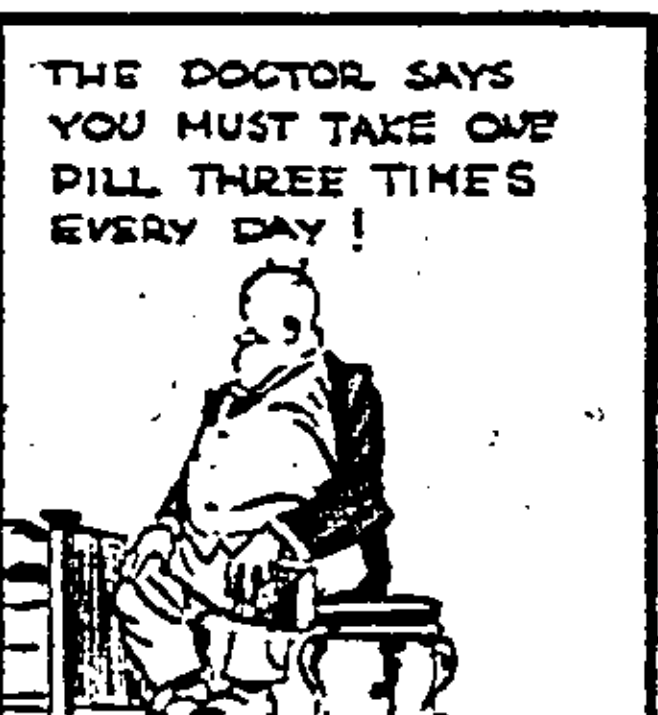
Pandit Nehru, who is on a tour of East Punjab, added: "While India has pledged herself to the cause of peace she will not for one moment brook any threat to her freedom."

"India has no evil intentions or aggressive design on her neighbour Pakistan,"—Associated Press and Reuter.

PRISON RIOT

Rangoon, September 17.
Two prisoners were killed and 124 injured in a riot in the Rangoon central goal last night after prison guards, armed with wooden staves, had charged on political detainees, who had refused to return to their cells.—Reuter.

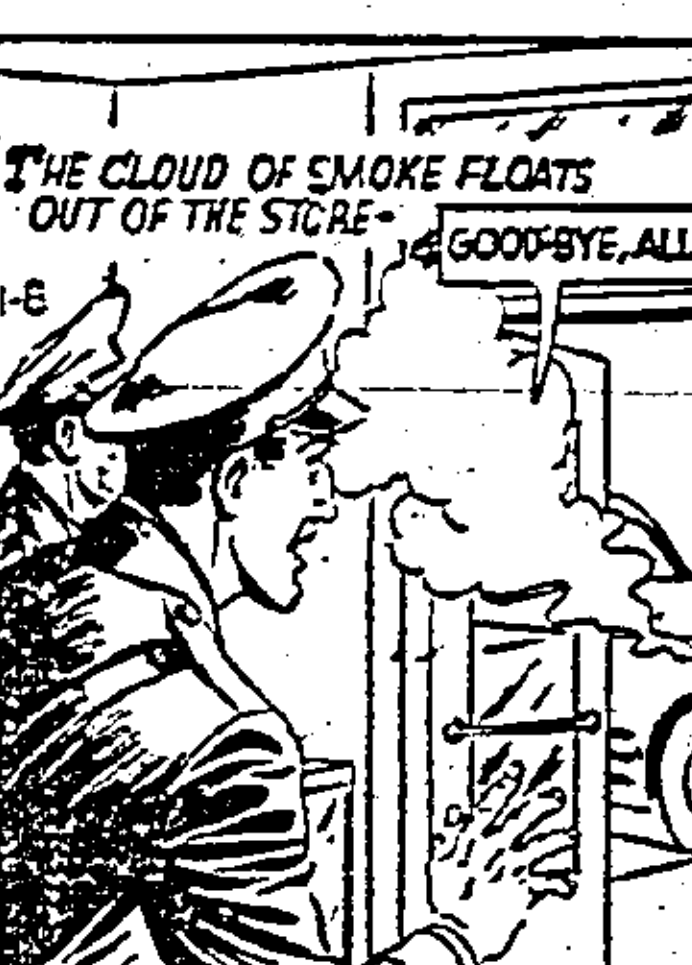
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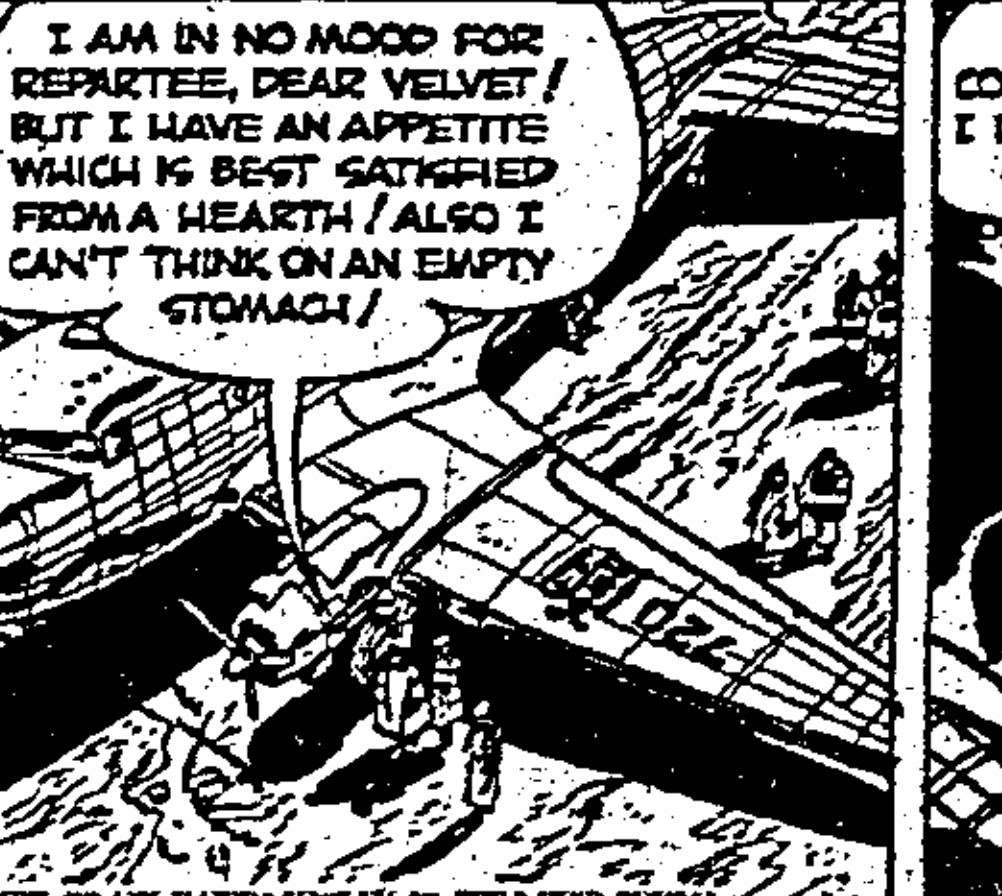


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London, September 17.

Sir Stafford Cripps, Chancellor of the Exchequer, said when he arrived here tonight by plane from America that the financial talks in Washington were the most successful the British, Americans and Canadians had ever had. He said that much more would be done in the future to help solve the sterling-dollar problem.

RADIO

This is Radio Hong Kong broadcasting on a frequency of 845 kilocycles per second and on 9.52 megacycles per second in the 31 metre band.

12.30—"Hong Kong Calling"—Daily Programme Summary.

1.15—"The Call"—BBC Variety Orchestra Conducted by Rae Jenkins with Japet Davis, Eric Whitley and BBC Revue Chorus. (BBC).

1.00—"Piano Parade"—Patricia Robinson with Linda Gray (Vocal). (GRS).

1.15—"News, Weather Report and Announcements".

1.25—"Interlude".

1.30—"Orchestral Selections".

2.00—"Close Down".

6.00—"Home Kongs Calling"—Programme Summary.

6.12—"Catch That Spider"—An Adventure Story for Children by Gilbert Dixon (Final Episode). (HBCS).

6.30—"It's Swing Time".

7.00—"String with Wings"—George Melachrino and His Orchestra with Linda Gray (Vocal). (GRS).

7.30—"Partnership"—Half Hour. (Strain).

7.45—"World News and News Analysis". (London Relay).

8.15—"The Saint John's Club"—A Comedy by A. J. A. (BBC).

8.30—"Cinema Time".

8.45—"The Captain's Lesson from the BBC London". (Studio).

9.15—"I Like What I Like"—Presented by Anthony Gilder. (Studio).

9.30—"From the Editor's Desk". (London Relay).

9.45—"Weather Report".

9.55—"The Skelton".

10.15—"A Play by Audrey Temple Smith". (BBC).

10.45—"Concerto"—Concerto (Ballade) No. 3 in E Minor Op. 52. (Mendelssohn). (BBC).

11.00—"Spanish Night"—A Programme of Spanish Music from the Old and New World introduced by "Linda Gray". (Studio).

11.30—"Radio News Revue". (London Relay).

11.45—"Weather Report and Summary of News".

12.00—"Close Down".

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8.30—"The Dairy Farm Programme".

9.00—"Rediffusion Request Show".

9.30—"The Carrier Programme".

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10.30—"London Studio Melodies".

10.45—"Music for Dancing".

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BY OUR HARBOUR REPORTER

In My Log

A "crisis" ...

To some of the 70 Marine Office personnel who affixed their signatures to a directive it was a "red letter" day that Thursday. It was the day on which the Press. Someone evidently has stirred up a hornet's nest. hold it we're innocent!

The signatories are under penalty of disciplinary censure if they go out of their way to fraternise with the scribes. And the catch-word today... "so sorry, regulations!"

A casual remark... a good idea!

Co-operation!

We refer to the personnel of the troopship Eastern Prince, which arrived here with some 1,000 reinforcements for the Garrison during the week. Except for what is placed on the tables (Entry Register and "K" forms) the Press is not permitted to cross the barrier of tables for further details.

A casual remark... a good idea!

Distinguished visitor!

The week's most distinguished visitor was the new luxurious French passenger liner La Marseillaise, which arrived here on her maiden voyage. Her arrival was marked by several breath-taking features: her own unique magnificence, her colorful passengers, and her hilarious send-off party.

Resplendent in her streamlined sleekness, the liner is the last word in travel comfort, being equipped with up-to-date amenities. Conspicuous among her tourist passengers were the Annamite ladies, colorful in their native high-slit long gown and silk trousers. Then there were the 21 la Française "cool" kit adorned the "bobby soxers."

And, last but not least, the cocktail party aboard the liner the night before she left port saw a well-attended gathering. Vive la France! Pop! champagne, monsieur!

Gratitude! A letter in the "China Mail" lately expressing gratitude to the Marine Police in the Chik Sang rescue has brought forth similar sentiments among other personnel of the ill-fated ship and the owners, Jardine, Matheson, regarding the help rendered by the Marine Department and Fire Brigade.

Despite the rough seas and torrential downpour, personnel of both Government departments (including the Marine Police, of course), braved the elements and stood by the burning ship. (But for the total lack of transportation on that tragic night, the Press would also not have been forgotten!)

It just goes to show... Until the advent of the typhoon, which lashed the Colony recently the 10 "ghost" ships in Plover Cove were virtually lost to the world—the local shipping world, that is.

But the "has-beens" were blown ashore en masse and the tail of the storm saw them huddled together on dry land in Tai-po Kau.

Refloating operations followed. The next Wednesday—a week after the blow—the squalls brushed the Colony, and watered a recently-refloated Liberty ship to dry land again.

But the other vessels in port—those awaiting future assignments—were left alone. None suffered such indignity last week.



This is a segment of the boom stretching from Stonecutters (seen in the left background) towards Green Island across Sulphur Channel, at the Western Entrance of the harbour. Steel chains, anchored ashore by monster steel balls on Stonecutters, keep the boom in position in a sweeping curve. ("CHINA MAIL" Photo).

Harbour Boom Is Longest In East

The largest and longest defence boom in the Far East—a three-mile chain of some 1,000 steel buoys—will be the sea block defending the Western approaches to the Harbour.

Work which began late August is progressing rapidly and the first one-mile stretch has already been completed and withstood its first test admirably.

The recent typhoon which lashed the Colony did not cause any damage to some 800 buoys floating in a sweeping curve astride Sulphur Channel between Stonecutters and Green Island.

The object of this gigantic metallic obstacle, partly underwater, is to assist the Marine Police and the Royal Navy in checking on the movements of undesirable elements and illegal goods. River shipping and the local harbour utility craft fleet have to filter through two 500-yard-wide gaps between Stonecutters and Green Island and between Stonecutters and the Laichukok Torpedo Firing Pier.

The boom is necessary across the Western Entrance because of the environs which are honey-combed with island shoals and sea channels which might provide convenient entry for subversive elements which can easily elude the authorities and strike from within the Colony.

The construction of this defence line effort was jointly done by the Singapore and Kowloon Boating Clubs, and it was transported to Hong Kong by Royal Navy supply ships. The chain, which consists of more than 350 circular steel buoys, each weighing 13 tons, and 800 smaller buoys of about one and a half tons each, linked together by steel hawsers, was



This "shui tien"—Chinese waterboat—is one of three craft owned by a Shaikwan man whose family has carried on business for three generations. The hand pump can be seen amidships. This is being gradually replaced by small diesel-engined pumps aboard the 22-craft "shui tien" fleet.

Chinese Waterboats Operate In Harbour

(Editor's Note—This is the eighth of a series of pictorial features to acquaint the general public with the numerous types of small native craft operating in local waters and their varied usages.)

Through the courtesy of the Marine Department, it has been possible to identify the craft individually and obtain the necessary particulars.

That empty wooden bucket hanging from the rigging, or most of a native craft in the harbour is not just for display—it is the traditional call sign for the "shui tien" or Chinese waterboat.

This type of vessel is indispensable to local junkies of all categories, and also launches, as she is the principal means of supplying fresh water, obtained from approved Government pipe lines ashore.

The "shui tien" came into existence about a century ago. One waterboat owner at Shaikwan is the third of three generations carrying on this kind of business. He now owns three of the five waterboats operating in Shaikwan.

There are altogether 22 "shui tien" in the harbour—10 in Shaikwan, four at Aberdeen and three at Cheung Chau Island. Half of them are equipped with masts and sails. All those on business in the Shaikwan anchorage are under sail, while they go to the water depot at Laichukok to cut down towing expense. But once in the Shelter, they resort to using the oars to go on call.

Normally, however, the "shui tien" in the other areas, where the water depths are not very far off, are towed by the owners. On the average, each waterboat is capable of carrying about 15 tons of fresh water in three watertight holds amidships.

The China Tea Race

The Smith sea saga (crossing the Atlantic in a home-made yacht in 43 days), did not pass by Hong Kong without kindling memories of old China. Coast veterans of the most famous race in the annals of the sea this side of the world.

They refer to the China Tea Race of 1886 when five clipper ships, each a grueling race from Foochow to the English Channel safely with the ultimate aim of arriving in London for the new season's tea crop.

Two craft shared the honour in a dead heat—the Ariel and Taeping. The Ariel came in third on the same day. The remaining two, Fiery Cross and Taitsing, arrived on the following day.

Still fresh in their memories, old China Coasters related the neck-to-neck dash by the gallant clippers.

Three of them—Ariel, Fiery Cross and Taeping—crossed the Equator on the same day, with the Taitsing and Serica close behind.

The Fiery Cross and Taeping went ahead leaving the Ariel trailing behind. The fiercest struggle for the lead ensued between the first two craft.

The Taeping led by quite a distance when the Fiery Cross lost wind power.

Shortly, the Ariel sped by followed immediately by the Fiery Cross. But the Taeping got second place when approaching the Channel.

The Ariel reached Deal just ahead of the Taeping but missed the first tug, which consequently enabled the Taeping to arrive at Gravesend about one hour ahead of her.

The Ariel however berthed alongside London Docks 20 minutes earlier than the Taeping which had to wait for the tide to get in.

The result was a dead heat, and the prize divided between them.

The Praya Today

It is a place of many languages and dialects.

By day a hub of industry and by night a promenade for thousands from various walks of life, seeking fresh air or sight-seeing, the Central Praya area stretches from the Victoria Recreation Club to the Wing Lok Wharf.

Since the exodus from Hong Kong of refugees and evacuees from China, no other place in the Colony within such a restricted area has been so cosmopolitan.

The paramount language, of course, is Chinese with its numerous dialects.

And with the thousands of North China refugees on the waterfront, Cantonese, once a common medium, today finds strong rivals in Mandarin and Shaanxi.

From this conglomeration of dialects, the Praya community has absorbed an unprecedented amount of knowledge.

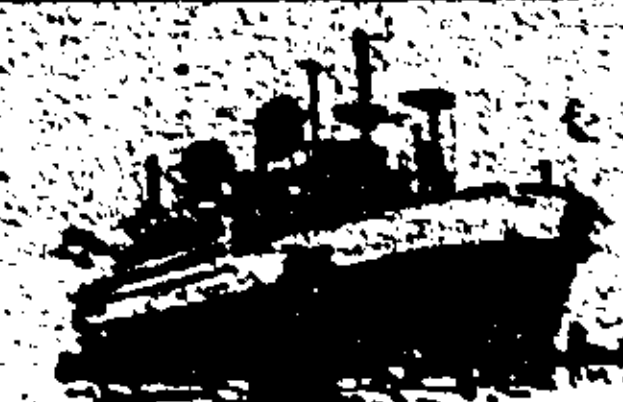
The impact of this lingual invasion has hit business circles.

Money changers—familiar Praya characters who spend most of their time counting piles of money behind iron grilles—from sheer necessity in having to deal with customers speaking different dialects have picked up here and there business terms to enable them to carry on business satisfactorily with everybody.

Hawkers are not so illiterate as before. A teen-ager, whom you can usually find opposite the Custodian Wharf, yelling his head off beside cases of fruit, besides his native Cantonese dialect now has a smattering of Mandarin, Swatow and, Shaanxi—enough to deal with any customer.

(He is improving gradually.) This is not uncommon today. There are many like Li Ping, an 17-year-old Praya resident, who are being thus educated.

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 Calcutta 11:30 a.m.

JAPAN

Bany Bryn (Mac Mac) ex-
 Japan 11:30 a.m.

SOUTH EAST PORTS

Bradenburg (Everett) ex-
 Manila 11:30 a.m.

SOUTH AMERICA

Bolesvina (BIL) ex-
 San Francisco 11:30 a.m.

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Shipping Arrivals

YESTERDAY

America Transport (Jardine) ex-
 Manila 11:30 a.m.
 Edward Luckbach (Gottlieb) ex-
 Atlantic Coast 11:30 a.m.
 Grete Maersk (Maersk) ex-
 Ym. 11:30 a.m.
 Hai No (Hai No) ex-
 Hainan 11:30 a.m.
 Hainan (Hai No) ex-
 Hainan 11:30 a.m.
 Hainan (Hai No) ex-
 Hainan 11:30 a.m.

TODAY

Chinese Prince (Jardine) ex-
 Atlantic Coast 11:30 a.m.
 Macao (E.A.) ex-
 Europe 11:30 a.m.
 Nanyang (Thorn) ex-
 Japan 11:30 a.m.

TOMORROW

Anhui (B & S) ex-
 Amoy 11:30 a.m.
 Lufeng (Mac Mac) ex-
 Atlantic Coast 11:30 a.m.
 General Gordon (APL) ex-
 San Francisco 11:30 a.m.
 Hainan (Hai No) ex-
 Atlantic Coast 11:30 a.m.
 Nanyang (Thorn) ex-
 Pacific Coast 11:30 a.m.
 President Jefferson (APL) ex-
 Atlantic Coast 11:30 a.m.
 Shengking (B & S) ex-
 Swatow 11:30 a.m.
 Wyoming (Doddwell) ex-
 Atlantic Coast 11:30 a.m.

Shipping Departures

YESTERDAY

Edward Luckbach (Gottlieb) for
 Japan
 Hai No (Hai No) for
 Hainan
 Hainan (Hai No) for
 Hainan
 Hainan (Hai No) for
 Hainan

TODAY

America Transport (Jardine) for
 Japan
 Hainan (Hai No) for
 Hainan
 Hainan (Hai No) for
 Hainan
 Hainan (Hai No) for
 Hainan

TOMORROW

Dr. Angier (M.M.) for
 Haiphong
 Edward Luckbach (Gottlieb) for
 Atlantic Coast
 Fing Trunk (Pattison) for
 New York
 Hainan (Hai No) for
 Hainan
 Hainan (Hai No) for
 Hainan
 Hainan (Hai No) for
 Hainan

Vessels In Port

Alex (B & S) ex-
 Amoy 11:30 a.m.
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AIRCRAFT

MOVEMENTS

Arrivals

TODAY

AIR FRANCE ex-Paris 11:30 a.m.
 11:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.
 11:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.
 11:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.
 11:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.
 11:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.

TOMORROW

CNAC ex-Canton 11:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.
 11:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.
 11:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.
 11:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.
 11:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.
 11:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.

WEDNESDAY

CNAC ex-Canton 11:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.
 11:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.
 11:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.
 11:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.
 11:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.
 11:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.

DEPARTURES

TOD

